

September 2017

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 3 and the Juniors! It has been lovely helping your child settle in to the routines of school this week.

We have an exciting year ahead of us with a lot of great topics and activities planned. This letter is to let you know the general routine in Year 3 and introduce my colleagues who will be working with your child during the year.

Every morning, English and Maths will be taught. The majority of the foundation subjects will be taught through topic work in the afternoons. Mr Towe will be in Year 3 every Monday afternoon to teach R.E, Music or Computing. Also on a Monday afternoon, Calvin Moorhead will be teaching P.E.to the children. Mrs Steel, Mrs Swallow, Mrs Hall and Mr Young will join the Year 3 team and assist in lessons during the week. Mrs Norris, Mrs Bannister and Mrs White will also be present in the Year 3 classroom.

P.E. (indoor and outdoor) will be taught on Mondays and Thursdays. (Calvin -Mondays, Mrs Davies -Thursdays). It would be advisable if your child leaves their P.E. kit in school to avoid "forgotten kit". P.E. kit includes blue shorts, white T-shirt, trainers, spare socks and when the weather gets colder and wetter, tracksuit bottoms, fleece and coat. Please could you ensure all items of clothing are clearly named. Long hair must be tied back and all jewellery removed. If earrings cannot be removed, they must be covered with tape, which needs to be provided.

Your child will bring home his/her reading book each night, which they need to return to school each day. It would be greatly appreciated if they could read out loud to an adult on a regular basis. In Year 3, we continue to write comments in the reading diary as we find it is a useful link between home and school.

For most of the term our topic will be "It's All Greek to Me!" concentrating on the Ancient Greek civilisation. It is a hugely popular topic and we are extremely excited to be covering it once again. Approaching Christmas, we move on to a short topic called "Come and Join the Celebration". We focus on how a different culture celebrates Christmas. In Year 3, we also start French lessons on a weekly basis.

Homework is now going to be called "Home Learning" and is taking on a different format this year. Every Friday your child will bring home a list of weekly spellings, as well as times tables to learn. We would like you to take time to help your child learn these in preparation for the spelling and maths challenges that take place the following Friday. In addition, your child will soon be in possession of a Home Learning book. Inside there will be a list of various activities linked to our Ancient Greece topic. From the list you will need to choose 4

activities to complete over the whole term (2 per half-term). Extra Maths activities will also be included during the term (one per half term) to consolidate their mathematical learning.

Arrangements for bus children slightly change for the Juniors – we no longer utilise the individual bus book system. Therefore, it would be advisable to ring the school office to confirm if your child is **NOT** catching the bus at the end of the day as usual. If we do not hear from you, we will assume he/she is on the bus as usual.

On Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September at 4.00p.m. there will be an opportunity to come in and “meet the teacher”, but if you do have any queries or problems regarding your child, please do pop in and see me any time. Later on in the term there will be an evening for you to discuss how your child has settled in to Year 3. Additional events during the term will be put on the school website.

I am very much looking forward to working with your child this year and eager to see them try their very best and enjoy their learning. If you could spare any time to come in to school and help with activities on a weekly basis or help with trips that require extra adult help, please could you let me know.

On behalf of myself and the Year 3 team, thank you for your support.

Kind regards,

Sally Davies