



Year 3 Class Newsletter: Autumn Term 2018



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to another new and exciting school year. I hope that you all enjoyed a wonderful summer holiday. I am very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year.

Overleaf you will find an overview of the Year 3 Autumn curriculum. If you wish to speak to me about anything, please do not hesitate to join me in class for an informal chat between 8.45am and 9.00am (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday) or contact the school to arrange an appointment time.

General

It is imperative that your child attends school punctually every day, unless they are ill. The school building is open for children from 8.45am and the children are expected to make their way to the classroom as soon as they arrive at school. Children are expected to be in school from 8.45am each day to complete their mental maths activities (part of the '**I can do maths**' initiative).

In order to encourage healthy minds and bodies in our school it is expected that children come to school each day with healthy snacks and lunch (if they are having a packed lunch). As we are a **NUT FREE SCHOOL**, it is essential that your child does not bring any foods containing nuts or traces of nuts, including biscuits and chocolate. We also ask that no sweets, crisps or sugary cakes and snacks be placed in your child's lunch.

In KS2, children are no longer provided with mid-morning snacks so they need to bring in their own. Snack time is just before morning break at 10:50am. Please ensure your child brings a **healthy snack**; fruit or vegetables.

It is also important that your child comes to school each day in the correct school uniform. Please note that children are not permitted to wear non-uniform jumpers or trainers. On days when we have **PE**, children are expected to come to school in their full uniform (including black soled shoes) and will be given the opportunity to change before and after their PE sessions. Please note that jewellery (apart from simple stud earrings for girls) is not part of the uniform and therefore not permitted. Any inappropriate item of jewellery worn to school will be confiscated and kept in the school office for safekeeping until the end of the week when it will be sent home. We ask that you continue to support us in ensuring that your child is dressed appropriately every day.

The Classroom

Children will continue to receive '**Dojos**' for outstanding work/ behaviour. At the end of each term Children are awarded special 'Red Letters', for consistent, outstanding behaviour over the whole term. In class, children can also lose points for inappropriate behaviour. Points are tallied at the end of each week and small prizes are awarded for highest point scorers. The parent codes remain the same as last year, allowing you to login and monitor classroom behaviour from home. Please do celebrate your child's successes by checking their Dojo points regularly (<https://teach.classdojo.com>). Parent codes have been distributed, but if you need a reminder code, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Class Trips

Wherever possible, class trips will be organised to assist in developing the children's understanding of class topics. Some parental assistance will be required on outings, so if you are able to help in some way please let me know.

PE

For Physical Education this term, children will have gymnastics in the school hall. This will take place on Tuesday mornings at 9.15-10.15.



Thank you for the support and encouragement that you give at home with regard to the children's schoolwork. As you know, it is important that this continues this year as the weekly homework tasks consist of activities that reinforce the themes or units studied at school. Homework will be handed out on Thursdays and is due to come back to school the following Tuesday. Please note that children who repeatedly fail to bring in their homework will be asked to complete the work during morning break.

Reading

Children are expected to read every evening for at least **20 minutes**. They can choose books from the classroom book corner (which they can keep for a week). Every child should keep a **Reading Record Book that needs to be completed each evening** after they have read. The children are required to **write a comment about the book they are reading**: these comments may include their thoughts about an event or character, any interesting information they have read etc. Please note that comments should be more detailed than: 'I liked it, I read 5 pages, It was funny.' **Please initial the Reading Record Book daily after your child has read.** I have reminded the children of the need for you to do so, not least because the records are checked by me daily. If your child forgets to bring their Reading Record home, please initial a separate piece of paper with their name and the date.

I hope the children will enjoy their learning this year and I very much look forward to meeting you this term.

Kind regards,

Miss Emma-Loren Barrington
Year 3 Class Teacher