



Year 3 Newsletter



Dear Parents and Children,

Welcome to Year 3 and Key Stage 2 ! We have had a wonderful week with the children as they settle into their new classes. The children have quickly got used to coming upstairs in our school, which is one of the biggest changes about moving to Year 3! These half termly newsletters will provide you with useful information about the weeks ahead and will also share and celebrate with you our learning from the previous half term.

On our first newsletter of the year you will find a topic overview that outlines what we will be learning this half-term. If you have any further questions, please do get in touch and we look forward to working with you all over the year ahead. The first opportunity for us to meet in person is at our **Coffee Mornings**.

Squirrel Class— Friday 13th September at 9am

Deer Class— Monday 16th September at 9 am

We hope many of you will be able to attend. A copy of the information shared will be sent home if you aren't able to join us.

Best wishes, Claire Henderson and Katharine McMeekan

Classroom Organisation Deer and Squirrel Classes are Year 3 classes, that we teach every day except for a part of each Monday, In the morning Mr Richardson will teach PE and PSHE to Squirrel class and in the afternoon he will teach the same to Deer Class. Our classes are supported by some amazing Teaching Assistants. Deer Class is supported by Mrs Kaliyamoorthy and Mr Angus. Squirrel Class is supported by Mrs Francisco and Mrs Blakey at various points throughout the week. Mrs Francisco will also open the East Stairs door that the children enter school through each morning. We will meet the children upstairs as we start our learning as soon as the children enter the classroom. At the end of the day, we will dismiss the children at the East Stairs door and we are available should anyone need to speak to us.

PE Our PE lessons are scheduled to be on Monday and Wednesday for Deer Class and Monday and Thursday for Squirrel Class. The children should bring their PE kits to school on these days and get changed before the lessons. Some of our lessons will be outdoors, weather conditions permitting. It can get quite chilly outside so extra layers like sweatshirt, hoodies and joggers/leggings are useful to keep in their PE bags. PE bags should be kept in school to accommodate any timetable changes.

Times Tables The children will be continuing working on their times tables this year. They are encouraged and supported to develop a rapid recall of the times table number facts, as this helps them use their knowledge in Maths to solve calculations and problems. They will be assessed on a particular multiplication table each week, they will be asked to practise learning these number facts at home. The children will build up gradually to be able to answer the questions within about 10 seconds to encourage this speed. To help the children, they will be given details to log on to 'Times Tables Rockstars'. Logins for TT Rockstars will be stuck in the front of planners and it would be great if you could encourage the children to practise at home.



Spellings Spelling is an integral part of writing, so your help would be appreciated in encouraging your child to regularly learn the spellings set, to enable them to use them in their writing. The children will be set 5 spellings each week given to them on a Friday using a specific spelling pattern. They will be assessed on these words and an additional 5 words that follow the same pattern the following Friday. You will also receive a copy of the on-going key word list for Year 3 and Year 4 children. It would be wonderful if the children could learn these words alongside their weekly spellings so that they will have a solid grasp of how to spell them by end of Year 4.

Reading The children read individually on a regular basis and it is also important that they read on a daily basis at home. Reading books, which have been chosen by the children, will be sent home every night, to be returned the following day, whether the book is finished or not. Planners will be checked regularly, with children being encouraged to record the pages they have read in their own reading planner and asking an adult to sign this as well.



Homework Homework will be set in homework books on a Friday. The children will bring this home and should return it to school by the following Tuesday. The homework will be a range of activities from different curriculum areas throughout the year. The activities will be set to support learning in class and will be matched to the children's ability.

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