

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new school year and extend our thanks for supporting the new routines and arrangements in place. It has been a delight seeing the children smiling, settling into Year 3 and enjoying school life once more. We hope that you will find some of the information below useful.

### **Year 3 Staff:**

Turtles: Mrs Barnes

Sunfish: Mr Peacock

Support Staff: Mrs Forster, Miss Healey and Mrs Smart

### **Topics covered this year.**

Autumn Term 1 - Our Place in the World: *'We are Geographers'*.

Autumn Term 2 – The Stone Age: *'We are Archaeologists'*.

Spring Term 1 – The Iron Age: *'We are Archaeologists'*.

Spring Term 2- The Importance of Rainforests: *'We are Rainforest Rangers'*.

Summer Term 2 – – The Impact of the Romans on Britain: *'We are Historians'*.

### **PE days**

Children in Year 3 will have PE on a Thursday and a Friday. As outlined by Mr Lewis-Cole previously, children are expected to wear their PE kits to school on these days. Please see the uniform policy to confirm the school PE kit, which must be worn with your child's usual school, green jumper or cardigan. As the weather gets colder, we encourage the children to also wear black tracksuit bottoms, instead of shorts for outside sessions.

### **Homework and expectations**

Reading & Reading Diary – Reading takes priority over all home learning and supporting your child's reading at home is essential to their development and learning. We recommend that children read aloud to you on a daily basis and ask that you record their reading on Boom Reader when they read to you. You may also wish to record a comment about your child's reading and/ or their progress, particularly towards targets: we always welcome any feedback or queries you may have. Remember, children do not need to read a whole book each night, a few pages are sufficient.

Home Learning – All children have a login for Times Tables Rock Stars, which is an online programme to support the learning of times tables. In addition, we have already sent some exciting ideas for the children to explore and extend their learning linked to our main topic, which they will do each term, as well as weekly spellings, which will be tested every Thursday morning.

### **How to help your child at home**

- Encourage your child to ensure they have everything they need for the day, such as their water bottle, **healthy snack** and reading book.
- Help your child to dress independently, such as undoing their buttons, doing up their coat zips, and practising to tie their tie and shoelaces.
- Support them to develop their knowledge and understanding of basic maths skills such as times tables and telling the time.

- Support them to keep reading regularly at home by taking Accelerated Reader quizzes or practising their phonics as often as possible.

#### **Other things you need to know**

- Our healthy eating policy continues, and all children are encouraged to bring a sports cap style water bottle with them to school every day, filled with water and a healthy snack for break time.
- We are hoping to offer plenty of extra-curricular activities for the children and have some exciting visits and visitors planned for later in the year. **Should you wish to volunteer to support these activities, please speak to a member of Year 3 staff.**
- Please ensure that all items of school uniform and PE kit are named.

#### **Other Points**

- As well as attending a weekly sports club, Year 3 children have the opportunity to join the choir and/ or learn a range of musical instruments – please ask for further details if your child is interested.
- We are not allowed to administer any medicines at all without an appropriate permission form. This can be completed at the office. We ask that children who use asthma pumps should either carry them or keep them in the classroom and not be kept in their school bags.

**Date for drop-in: Wednesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2023, 3:30 – 4:30pm.**

***Thank you. Best wishes, from the Year Three Team.***

