



5th September 2022

Dear Parents/Carers,

Year 3 Autumn Term Letter

Welcome back! We would like to warmly welcome you and your child to Year 3 – Hedgehog Class, the start of the Junior years!

We have a busy year ahead and, as always, have planned an exciting and varied curriculum to inspire and challenge. Mrs Robinson will be teaching the class Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Bird will be in class on Thursdays and Fridays. We have worked closely to plan for this year and are both very much looking forward to teaching Year 3 together.

Curriculum

Please see the attached information sheet for an overview of what we will be focusing on this term. Our topic, Extreme Earth, will be the basis for much of our work this half-term. It's a great topic to kick off the year with and there is plenty for the children to get excited about! If you have any artefacts, books or resources you would be happy for your child to share with the class related to any of our curriculum areas this term, please send them into school clearly named.

PE

PE days will be Tuesday and Thursday this term. Children should wear their PE kits to school on the days they have PE. These lessons will be outdoors, weather permitting. As the weather gets colder and wetter, please ensure suitable clothing is provided.

Reading books and Library books

Your child will be coming home with a school reading book shortly. As we begin Year 3, the emphasis remains on comprehension when reading and so we would encourage you to spend time talking to your child before and/or after they have read to discuss the events, themes and characters in the book. Please record when you have read with your child or if they have read independently, in their reading record as this is invaluable in assisting us to see how they are progressing with reading at home. We ask that children read to an adult/older sibling at home, at least 3 times a week. When your child has completed their book, we may ask them questions to check they have read and understood the content before changing it. To encourage independence, children will be responsible for changing their own books.

Homework

The children will receive weekly homework activities, including a spelling list to practise in preparation for a spelling test each Monday. The children will be learning their times tables



in school daily. We will inform you of the times table we are teaching, in order for you to support them at home if you wish.

At the beginning of each half-term, the children will receive a grid of topic-based homework activities. We expect them to choose 1 activity to complete every week, which should be handed in/shared with us on a Monday afternoon.

Water bottles

Please send your child into school with a named water bottle which they can access throughout the day. We will send them home at the end of every day to be washed and refilled.

School Bags

We have a limited area outside our classroom for children's coats and bags, therefore we ask that any bags the children bring to school are minimal as possible.

Pencil Cases

Children are allowed to bring their own stationary to school in a small pencil case. Please be aware that these need to fit neatly inside the children's trays and that any pens the children would like to write with must have black ink, but may also like to have a blue pen for self-marking.

If you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact us at school via the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Robinson and Mrs Bird
Y3 Class Teachers