



Thursday 7th September 2023

Year 3 Autumn Term Letter

Dear Parents/Carers,

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 Bird will be teaching the class Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Corp will be in class on Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. Mrs Sheriff will be supporting the class every morning. We have worked closely to plan for this year and are very much looking forward to teaching Year 3 together.

Curriculum

You will receive an overview of what we will be focusing on this term. Our topic, Through the Ages, 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 on Tuesdays and Wednesdays 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

Your child will have a homework grid sent at the beginning of this term, together with a curriculum map. Weeks 2,4 and 6 of each term children will be bringing a maths homework sheet to complete, and weeks 1,3 and 5 children will be asked to complete a topic-based homework this can be presented on the Monday. On the Monday that the children bring their maths homework in, we take time to go through it as it makes the task much more purposeful and addresses any misconceptions and consolidates their learning. Spellings will be sent home weekly with the relevant Edshed games linking to that week's learning. At the end of the term 20 words will be chosen at random to assess retention.



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.

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

Kind regards,

Mrs Corp, Mrs Bird and Mrs Sheriff
Y3 Class Teachers