

## **Welcome to Year 3**

We hope you have had a lovely time over the summer and are very excited to see you all and have you all back at school. The Year 3 Team are all looking forward to getting to know you and working together so that we have a very exciting and productive year. We hope that you enjoy the new challenges and approaches to learning that Year 3 has to offer.

This year the children will be taught by Miss Jones (Monday/Tuesday/Wednesday) and Mrs Powell (Thursday/Friday) with Mrs Pughe in Holly Class, Mrs Forse in Hazel Class, and Mrs Davies working across both classes.

### **What will children be learning?**

The long term plan for Year 3 is on our school website and contains all the information about our topics for the year.

### **What will they need and when?**

All Year 3 pupils will need their PE kits throughout the week. Please ensure all children have a purple St John's PE t-shirt with either black shorts or leggings. Children will also need trainers for outdoor PE and daps/ trainers for indoor PE. Holly class has Forest School on a Friday and Hazel Class on a Tuesday. Forest School sessions will happen in Terms 1, 3 and 5.

Forest School clothes should be worn to school on forest school days, and school uniform is not required.

### **Reading**

Following a short comprehension quiz, children will be given a book from the appropriate reading shelf along with a reading diary. Books will be changed weekly. Please encourage your child to read a range of genres including texts from the library/ news/ online. Our expectation is that children read to an adult a minimum of three times per week. Please record these sessions in the reading diary provided with your initials.

We will also be using Bug Club which is a fun online resource with lots of eBooks and games that children enjoy using. This excellent resource provides challenging questions which will help your child to develop their comprehension skills. As in previous years, each pupil will be provided with their password and log in details over the next few weeks. Books will then be assigned to children online as and when needed.

### **Homework**

Homework will be set on a Friday and due in on Wednesdays. Each child has a book to record their homework in. They need to practice their mathematics fundamentals in their books in preparation for a quiz/ recall session on a Friday. Maths fundamentals will be provided at the beginning of a term. Please practise these skills as much as possible. All homework will be available on the school website.

### **Times Tables Rock Stars**

This is a great resource for helping children to learn times tables and basic mathematical fundamentals so please try and use it on a regular basis. As in previous years, each pupil will be provided with their password and log in details over the next few weeks.

### **General Reminders**

- Please ensure children are fully equipped for their school day. This will include ensuring every child has their book bag and reading record in school every day.
- Please ensure your child is wearing full correct uniform every day. Sandals and trainers are not permitted, school shoes must be worn. Your child will also need a full PE kit including trainers for outdoor PE and daps/trainers for indoor PE. Sport leggings and football shirts are not permitted to be worn for PE.
- Please ensure your child comes to school with a water bottle. These must be taken home and cleaned at the end of every day.

We look forward to working with you. Should you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to book an appointment via the school office.

Best wishes,

Miss Jones, Mrs Powell and Mrs Forse