

Year 3 Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year Three! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday. The children have all made a positive start to the Junior School and we very much look forward to working in partnership with you to ensure that your child achieves their full potential this year. We hope you found the curriculum share meeting useful. We realise that there are a lot of new things to get used to, both for yourselves and the children, and hopefully this letter outlines some relevant information which we hope you will find useful.

The Year Group Team:

Class 3P - Miss L. Pretty, supported by Mrs Andrews.

Class 3F - Mrs F. Felgate, supported by Mrs Staplehurst.

Class 3E - Miss R. Elias, supported by Mrs Lough.

Class 3M - Miss E. Murfitt, supported by Mrs Willis.

Games/PE:

All PE kit needs to be in school at the start of the week and all items should be labelled clearly with your child's name. As the weather becomes colder your child will require a tracksuit in order to keep them warm when we go outside. Year 3 Games/PE takes place on Monday afternoons and will be taken by qualified sports coaches. Year 3 will have an additional PE or Games lesson on Wednesday (3M and 3E) or Friday (3P and 3F) with their class teacher or Friday (3P and 3F) with a qualified coach. Please note that the children will be required to wear plimsolls for indoor PE (with the exception of gymnastics) and trainers for outdoor Games. It is useful for the children to keep their full PE kit at school throughout term time in case there are timetable changes due to weather or other events.

Reading:

Every child in the Year Group will be given an appropriate reading book and a Reading Diary this week. Please note that our banding system for reading books is different to the Infant school therefore your child may appear to be on a colour book they had at the infants but our colours are in a different order. The children are required to read aloud to you at least four times a week and you are asked to comment in the Reading Diary plus make a note of the page numbers read. Once your child has finished his/her reading book it is their responsibility to give the book and Reading Diary to their class Teaching Assistant so that it can be changed. The focus for reading in Year Three is the improvement and development of your child's comprehension skills and not just the ability to read words on the page, which is why it is still important for children who are free readers to read aloud and discuss their book with an



adult. Reading Diaries will be collected in once a week on a Monday so that we can monitor your child's reading, however, your child should have his/her diary in school daily.

Spelling:

Each child will be given a termly spelling list (which can also be found on the school website). The children will have two isolated spelling lessons (Monday and Wednesday), as well as a linked handwriting lessons (Tuesday and Thursday) and a spelling test (Friday) each week. Please can you try to help your child learn the rule in addition to the words that they receive.

Maths:

We have used all of the data and information available to us to ensure children are placed in appropriate sets and they are reviewed throughout the year to make sure children remain in the correct sets. It is really important for the children to learn their times tables as quickly as possible and your child will be given a target table each week to begin practising, however, any practice is always good! **Please be aware that Set 4a and Set 4b are parallel sets.**

Set 1 - Miss M. Askew

Set 2 - Mrs F. Felgate

Set 3 - Miss L. Pretty

Set 4a - Miss E. Murfitt

Set 4b - Miss R. Elias

Homework:

In addition to reading and spellings the children will be set two pieces of homework a week. One piece will always be Maths and the other is often Literacy but may occasionally be topic related. Homework is given out on a Thursday and is due in the following Tuesday. Homework will not be set in school holidays.

Art:

Your child will need an old shirt or an apron for art activities. This should be labelled with your child's name.

Music:

This year the children will all be learning how to play the recorder. Your child will therefore need to have his/her own recorder. Please send your child's named recorder to school as soon as possible.

Forthcoming Events & Trips

- As part of our work in RE we will be visiting [Christ Church](#) on 20th September.
- [Test Week](#) for Year 3 will be the week commencing Monday 11th October.
- [Parents Evening](#) is on Tuesday 2nd November and Thursday 4th November.
- The Year 3 [Christmas Production](#) will be on Tuesday 30th November at 1.45pm and Wednesday 1st December at 7pm.
- We will be visiting the [Towngate Theatre](#) in Basildon on Friday 3rd December to watch a performance of Beauty and the Beast.
- The [Carol Service](#) at Christ Church is on Thursday 16th December at 9:30am.



Any further letters will be sent home via Parentmail from now on so please ensure you are receiving messages and speak to the office if you change any of your contact details.

We are looking forward to a very busy and eventful term. If you have any concerns and wish to discuss them with your child's class teacher or myself please do not hesitate in making an appointment via the school office.

Yours sincerely,

Miss L. Pretty
Year 3 Leader

