**Welcome to Year 3**

September 2021

Hello everyone! I hope you are all well. We are very excited to start Year 3 and I am looking forward to getting some safe, happy normality back!

I, Miss Jones will be your class teacher and Mrs Morris will be your teaching assistant.

Already, I have lots of exciting things planned for the year ahead, including learning all about the Romans, writing centered on Aesop’s fables as well as some fabulous art work and computing.

I know it has been a very strange time and I don’t want anybody to worry about the children’s learning or what they may have missed out on. My main aim, in the first instance, will be to make sure the children feel safe and happy in school and nurture any worries they may have, as well as enhancing their excitement to return to school after the summer holidays.

Here are a few little pointers as we enter Year 3:

**The School Day**

**Year 3 will start school at 8:55am and finish at 3:20pm**. To keep everyone as safe as possible, please can you drop your child off where the cones are (where the yellow line ends). There will be a member of staff on the door and at the classroom door to welcome them in. At home time, please do not come past the cones and we will send your children out to you one at a time at 3:20.

**P.E**

P.E lessons take place throughout the year but the days of these lessons changes half termly. Sometimes we have P.E specialist coaches who come to teach e.g. football skills, children need to have P.E. kits in school every day.

Please ensure that your child has the correct kit.

-Pumps

-White T-shirt

-Blue shorts

As outdoor P.E. is part of the curriculum it would be a good idea for the children to have jogging pants/leggings and a sweatshirt (blue or black) for the colder weather.

Children will be asked to remove all jewellery for PE activities, so may we suggest leaving them at home these days.

**Playtimes**

In Key Stage 2, children are allowed to bring in their own piece of fruit for snack time, this is because fruit in the Juniors is not provided like it is in the infants. Therefore, we encourage children to have a healthy snack for break.

If your child would also like to bring in their own colouring book/journal/sketchbook and pens/pencils to use during wet play, this would be great! Your child will be asked to look after these themselves and keep them in their tray.

**Homework**

Homework will initially focus on children’s spellings, times tables and reading. I feel if the children concentrate their efforts on these three things it will be the most beneficial to their learning in school. For now we will be setting no other homework to allow a drive and focus on these three things. However, due to the success of Seesaw through Lockdown, some homework may be incorporated in that. Further information regarding Seesaw QR codes will be sent out in September.

**Spellings**

Children will have a spelling list to learn each week for a spelling test on Friday. The focus will be on children achieving ‘personal best’ scores each week. The spelling lists will cover words from the Year 3 key words list that is provided by the government as well as the Year 3 spelling rules. The learning will be heavily guided by The Spelling Frame. This is available online and we ask the children to access this at home where possible to support them in learning their spellings. From time to time, spelling lists will also cover some grammar objectives.

<https://spellingframe.co.uk/>

**Uniform**

Please make sure **ALL** items of clothing, including P.E kits, are clearly labelled with your child’s name. Now your children are in Year 3, they are expected to take responsibility for their uniform, jumpers and water bottles. If you would like to order any new uniform, this can be done through an online system which you can find out about at the office.

**Water Bottles**

Children are encouraged to bring a water bottle to school each day, filled up, with their names clearly labelled on them. They will bring them home each day. Please may we ask children only have water in their bottles as they are not allowed anything else in class.

**Birthdays**

We love birthdays in Year 3! If you would like to bring in sweets for other children, please may I remind you, we are not allowed to give out lollipops so little bags of sweets are best.

**Meet the teacher**

Unfortunately we won’t be able to host a meet the teacher this year, but please feel free to ring me if you have any worries or concerns, or, please make an appointment with me before or after school.

If you have any concerns regarding school please do not hesitate to get in touch. In September, please pass on any messages in the morning or come to the office to make an appointment and we will speak to you as soon as we can.

We hope that the children have a wonderful time in Year 3 and I can’t wait to have a fun-filled year with you all.

Thank you in advance for your continued support, here’s to a fantastic year!

Miss Jones and Mrs Morris.