

Class 3

Welcome to Class 3! It is an absolute pleasure to be teaching Class 3 this year. As we begin the year, Mrs Smith and I would like to reassure you that we will always put your children's needs, happiness and development first. We are committed to ensuring their safety, happiness, growth and progress during their time with us. We are sending home key information, including homework expectations and other important details, to help make this a positive, successful and rewarding year for everyone. We firmly believe that open communication between parents and carers, pupils and teachers is essential in creating a supportive environment where children can learn, thrive and be happy.

Key information

Mental health and wellbeing will be a priority for all pupils across every area of the curriculum, including PSHE lessons. I am committed to building a positive and trusting relationship with every child, so they feel safe, valued and confident to approach me with any worries or concerns. All children will be encouraged and supported to talk about their feelings, using a range of resources to help them understand and express their emotions.

PE lessons are **every Thursday afternoon**. Please ensure that your child is wearing the correct PE uniform and that they bring it to school in a small PE bag with each item clearly with their name to avoid items becoming lost or misplaced.

All children in class 3 will be going swimming. Lessons begin in the spring term and more information on this will be sent closer to the time. Children will need appropriate swim attire and a towel. This is not something that we will provide and children are not permitted to wear bikinis, nose clips or swimming trunks that come below the knee. Goggles are permitted so if your child requires them, remember to include them in their kit as this is not something the school/ leisure centre can provide.

Homework

All year three and year four children are expected to **read four times a week** (Monday-Thursday), for those that don't complete this will be given time in the day to support their reading. All children will be expected to access Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) weekly and complete a five-minute game. Spellings will be handed out every Monday followed by a spelling test every Friday. It is highly advised that your child practises their spellings throughout the week as this is reflected in the progress of the spelling tests results. Children can access Emile spellings online; their account details are on the inside front cover of their reading diary.

I will be using class dojo as my main form of communication between myself and parents/ carers. If you would like to speak to myself or Mrs Smith, please contact the office in order to make an appointment and we will support you as much as possible.

Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)

During the Spring Term, Year 4 pupils will take part in the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC), which is designed to assess children's fluency and recall of multiplication facts

up to 12×12 . As we move closer to the assessment, there will be an increased focus on times tables practice both in school and through home learning activities. Developing quick and accurate recall of multiplication facts is an important skill that supports many areas of mathematics, including division, fractions and problem-solving. We encourage children to practise regularly at home using Times Tables Rock Stars and other fun activities to help build their confidence.

Our learning this half term includes:

In English we will be looking at 'The First Drawing' as our first English text which supports our history topic of The Stone Age. In science we will be looking at how living things are grouped and classified and as we creep closer to autumn, we will be looking at harvest in RE.

We look forward to working with you and your children.

Miss A Scott and Mrs L Smith

