



Class 3 Newsletter

Monday 7th September 2015

Welcome back to Class 3!



I hope you had a wonderful Summer holiday and that everyone's raring to continue life in Year 3 or 4!

Our learning

This half-term we will be finishing off our learning about rainforests before turning our attention to Black History month and our Cultural Diversity themed week. Please see the attached sheet for what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas.

Mornings will continue to consist of assembly, followed by an hour of Maths and an hour of English. For most of us in Class 3, our English learning this half-term will involve finishing the Read, Write Inc. scheme of work as we consolidate our phonics/spelling, grammar and punctuation skills before commencing the brilliant new 'Literacy and Language' scheme of work next half-term.

Homework

Homework, alternating between Maths and Literacy, will continue to be sent home every Monday and should be returned by Friday each week.

Reading

Please help your child to succeed by listening to them read as often as you can. The more often you can read with your child, the more fluent they will become and the easier they will find all aspects of their learning.

Please record reading at home in your child's Reading Diary.

Books in book bags will continue to be changed every Friday this half-term (unless your child hasn't finished with them – please ensure comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

Spellings

*** There will no longer be spellings to learn for a test each week! ***

Children who are reading at level 2a and above will be starting our exciting new Read Write Inc. Spelling programme this half-term. Once children have been assessed in the first couple of weeks of term, these children will be bringing home a Spelling Log Book. During class, children will be keeping a log of spellings that they personally need to learn. They will be allowed to keep this book in their book bag so they can practise these words at home. Although they won't be formally tested on these words each week (so that children can bring home spellings that are much more individual to suit their own precise needs) it is still really important for your child's learning that you spend time on these spellings.

*** It is really important that children bring their Log Books back to school every day as we will be using them as part of our spelling lesson each day. Please look after them – these books are expensive and cannot be replaced if you lose them! ***

Children who are not yet ready to start this programme will continue to use the Read Write Inc. Get Writing scheme. Once children have been assessed in the first couple of weeks of term, these children will be bringing home lists of spellings that they need to work on before they will be ready to start the new programme.

*** Please look out for those Log Books or lists of words coming home by Week 3 of the half-term. ***

Poetry Journals

Poetry Journals will continue to be sent home every Monday. Please remember to read and enjoy the Poem of the Week and remember to return it every Monday for a new poem. House points will be awarded to children who can memorise parts of the poem each week. There will also be a writing challenge in your Poetry Journal – can you have a go at *writing* each style of poem every half-term?

Resources

A big thank you to everyone who brought in plastic bottles and cardboard tubes last half-term. Please continue to send in newspapers for our Art projects if you have them.

Rewards

Children can earn three green stickers every week for their behaviour, work and attendance. Children who have earned enough green stickers by the end of the half-term become an 'Always Child' and receive a certificate and prize in assembly. Children are given their green stickers on a Monday for the previous week. Please encourage your child by talking to them about their stickers.

How you can earn each of your green stickers:

Behaviour – don't move down the 'ladder' by making the wrong choice e.g. talking, shouting out, being silly – if you do, improve your behaviour before the end of the day to ensure that you move back up.

Work – children must complete their homework **and** reading at home, as well as doing their best with all of their class work.

Attendance – you can't help it if you're poorly, but please make sure the school office is phoned so that we know where you are as we need to know you are safe. Green stickers are only awarded to children who arrive **on time** when the classroom doors open at 8.50am.

Children can also earn up to ten 'smiley faces' per week. These are earned for behaving well each day, bringing homework, book bags, PE kits, Poetry Journals and for reading at home.

Children who earn enough green stickers and smiley faces will be rewarded with a special Golden Time in the last afternoon of each half-term.

PE

PE will be on a Monday afternoon this half-term. Children will be allowed to leave school wearing their PE kit but if you would rather your child gets changed back into their uniform before leaving, please just let me know. Please make sure your child has their PE kit every week, including suitable footwear.

Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms and trainers, should also be in your child's kit. Please ensure all clothing is named. Just a reminder that shorts and tracksuit bottoms should be navy blue or black and t-shirts should be white.

Swimming

Swimming will be on a Tuesday afternoon for Class 3 this half-term, starting next week. Please make sure your child has the appropriate kit every Tuesday so they don't miss out. Look out for a letter with more details coming soon.

Uniform

Thank you to everyone who sends their child(ren) to school wearing the correct uniform, which helps to earn those house points! Please name all of your child's clothing. It is much easier to reunite a child with their jumper if it has their name clearly written inside.

Water bottles

Water improves concentration, learning, health, wellbeing and happiness! **Please** make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day, containing only water.

Trips

This term children will be visiting a place of worship to enhance their learning following our Cultural Diversity focus. This will be funded by the school. In the Spring we hope to invite visitors for an Egyptian themed workshop at the cost of approximately £6 per child. In the Summer we hope to make an educational visit to further our learning about the local area. We always aim to keep the cost of visits below £10, and are letting you know early on to enable people to budget where necessary.

Dates for your diary

* Please see the reverse of this letter for important dates. *

Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I am always happy to help.

Yours sincerely, Miss H. Watson