



Class 3 Newsletter

Monday 2nd November 2015

Welcome back.



I hope you had a restful half-term holiday.

Our learning

Please see the attached sheet for what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas. Some children will be embarking on the exciting new 'Literacy and Language' scheme of work this half-term, whilst others will continue to work on their phonics/spelling, grammar and punctuation skills through the Read, Write Inc. scheme. It would be great if every child could be on the Literacy and Language scheme by January, so please keep helping at home. (If your child is not yet starting the scheme, you were told at Parents' Evening 😊)

Anti-bullying and Safeguarding

November will see a focus on keeping safe, healthy and happy, through work on E-safety, anti-bullying, road safety, healthy eating, exercise and medicines. Please remember to read the booklet given to you at Parents' Evening.

Homework

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

Children on the new Literacy and Language scheme will now have a separate book for their English homework. Please continue to complete and return this in the same way as you do with your purple homework books. * Please keep this book safe – they are expensive and cannot be replaced if lost. *

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

Thank you so much to all parents/carers who are ensuring that their child's Spelling Log Book is at school every day. Please continue to look after them – they are so useful and cannot be replaced if lost.

Please continue to help your child to learn the spellings that they bring home in their log book. These are the spellings that **your** child has struggled with each week, so practising them at home really will make the difference. Children who bring evidence of practising at home (e.g. parent/carer signature next to the spellings in the log book each week or scrap paper with spellings written on) will be rewarded with house points.

Some children are still not ready to start this programme so will continue to use the Read Write Inc scheme. These children do not have a Spelling Log Book, so please continue to work on the word lists that your child brought home last 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

Please send in any plastic bottles you may have (e.g. empty coke bottles) before December. Please continue to send in newspapers for our Art projects if you have them.

Rewards

* A reminder about expectations and how to be the best we can be... *

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 and swimming kit, 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 still 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, as the weather is getting colder and wetter, 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 continue to be on a Tuesday afternoon for Class 3 this half-term. Please make sure your child has the appropriate kit every Tuesday so they don't miss out.

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

Just a reminder that 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 keeping you informed 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