

# Welcome to Class 3



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Class 3. It is lovely to see the children back in school and settling so well. We have tried to include in this letter all the information that you need to know to help with equipment they may need, know our routines and to help you support them at home.

## **Curriculum**

Children will be taught the National Curriculum 2014 and due to mixed classes, through differentiated activities, children will access their year group curriculum to allow them to meet their year group expectations. On occasions, the class will be taught as a full class and on other occasions may be taught in year groups. We pride ourselves on teaching a full, creative curriculum which fosters curiosity, is enriching and promotes independent well rounded learners.

## **Reading**

The children will all have their reading book by the end of the first week. . They are able to change their reading books as often as they require. Please read as often as possible (we recommend 15-20 minutes a day) with your child, it makes an amazing difference to their confidence and progress. At this stage, we are really encouraging children to read for pleasure, understanding the text and have a discussion about what they have read. Please record the date and title of these books in the reading record and any comments, every time you read. Please also sign and date the reading reward chart as the children love being rewarded for regularly reading at home and it really encourages good reading habits.

## **Guided reading in school**

The children will read with school staff and this will be a focussed read involving discussion. Whilst this reading is going on, the other groups are working with other members of staff or independently on a reading response activity. Many children will also have the opportunity to read on a 1 to 1 basis each week. We are also very fortunate to have amazing volunteers that come into school who love to read with your children.

## **Homework**

Homework will be sent home weekly each **Thursday**. Each week, **either** Maths or English homework will be set. The Maths homework will be linked to key skills or a piece of maths work to consolidate that we have covered in class. English homework will be linked to grammar, punctuation or to consolidate work in class. We have an amazing online platform with Google Classroom so we will be using this regularly to set homework. **If there is nothing in your child's homework book, please check Classroom as homework will be set on there.**

## **Spellings**

In addition to the homework above, we will be sending home a **weekly spelling focus** and list of words to learn that will be specific to your child's year group. Please encourage and support learning these spelling patterns at home so that the children can apply them confidently in class. The words can be learnt by playing the games set on Spelling Shed (log in details stuck in homework book), learning spelling patterns and using look, cover, say, write. **Please find a list of all the spellings we will cover throughout the year on the website.**

It is expected that children complete their homework and practice their spellings each week.

### **Multiplication Tables**

We will be practising all multiplication tables in class over the course of the year and it will really benefit all the children if they continue this practice at home by going on Times Table Rockstars or Timetables.co.uk. Being able to recall multiplication facts underpins all areas of maths and will really help their confidence and accuracy in the subject.

### **PE**

PE this year will be taught twice weekly, delivered by West Lancs Sports Partnership and the class teacher. We have planned wherever possible to have lessons outside, so therefore days may change depending on the weather. Please could we therefore ask that their PE kits are in school every day. During colder weather, tracksuit bottoms and warmer tops can be worn.

### **Snack Time**

Children are allowed water bottles filled with water (not juice).  
Only healthy snacks or toast are allowed at morning break time.  
Children can buy up to two pieces of toast at a cost of 20p each.

### **Timetable of staff and homework.**

<b>Monday</b> Mrs Allchurch Mrs Vincent	
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<b>Thursday</b> Mrs Allchurch AM Mrs Vincent	Homework set/ given out- this may be in their Homework book or on Google Classroom.
<b>Friday</b> Miss Hymers Mrs Vincent	Spelling focus

Please don't hesitate to get in touch at any point this year. We operate an open door policy and are available if you ever have any concerns.

Mrs Allchurch, Miss Hymers and Mrs Vincent