

Welcome to Class 3



Dear Parents,

A very warm 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, enriches and promotes independent well-rounded learners.

Reading

The children will now all have their new reading books. They can 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 encourage children to read for pleasure, understand the text, and discuss 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 focused 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 Math's homework will be linked to key skills or a piece of math's work to consolidate what 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 there.**

Spellings

In addition to the homework above, children will have weekly spellings to practice on Emile. Please encourage and support learning these spelling patterns at home so that the children can apply them confidently in class.

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

Being able to recall multiplication facts underpins all areas of maths and will really help their confidence and accuracy in the subject.

Year 4 children will take the Multiplication check test set by the government in June. The multiplication check consists of 25 random x table questions that the children are expected to recall and answer within 6 seconds. The practice

done in school will help prepare them for this but it is so important that the children continue to practice at home. www.timetables.co.uk is a great resource, as is chanting them, writing them down or quick-fire questions/ games with your child.

PE

PE this year will be taught twice weekly normally on a Monday and Tuesday. 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. For safety, no jewellery can be worn in PE lessons. Earrings must be removed and can no longer be covered with tape. If children cannot remove their earrings themselves, they must be removed at home before coming into school.

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 toast which is ordered half termly through school money.

End of the Day

Please ensure that you wait to pick up your child from the playground **inside** the school gates.
Before leaving, the children will mention to the class teacher that someone is there to pick them up, so we see all children leave safely. Thank you for your understanding and patience as we dismiss the children.

Timetable of staff and homework.

Monday Mrs Allchurch AM- Mrs Moore	
Tuesday Mrs Allchurch Mrs Moore	Completed homework to be handed in.
Wednesday Mrs Allchurch Mrs Vincent PM- Mrs Moore	
Thursday AM- Mrs Allchurch AM-Mrs Vincent AM-Mrs Moore PM-Miss Hymers/ Mrs Darby	Homework given out- this will either be in their Homework book or on Google Classroom.
Friday 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. Also, please do call in on Wednesday 9th September for our informal 'Meet the Teacher' drop in straight after school if you are able to.

Mrs Allchurch, Miss Hymers, Mrs Vincent and Mrs Moore