

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope the following information will help you to support your children as they move into Year 3. This year, I am joined by Mrs Holloway and Mrs Dunk who are our class Teaching Assistants.

If you have any concerns about your children, please advise the school office by email or telephone. I will then ensure that a convenient time to meet is arranged. Similarly, I will contact you by phone if I have any concerns about your child.

I am very much looking forward to the year ahead with your children.
Best wishes,
Mrs Kate Woodhams

Autumn Term 2021

School uniform

I have been delighted to see how smart the children have been looking. Please follow the school uniform policy and ensure that all items of uniform are labelled. Please provide your child with a named apron or shirt which they can wear during art lessons. This term we will be working with clay so your child will need to be able to cover and protect their uniform. It is also important that your child comes to school in a warm / waterproof coat as the weather begins to change.

PE

The class has two PE sessions each week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children will also be going swimming on Thursday afternoons and more details will shortly follow.

Water and snacks

Children may bring a healthy snack (fresh fruit or vegetables only) with them to eat at break times. Please do not send any nuts or kiwi fruit. We encourage the children to drink plenty of water, so please ensure your child has a named water bottle.

Home Learning

In Year 3, I will send home weekly spellings. In addition, they will have, on alternate weeks, either a Maths activity or English / topic activity. I will distribute these tasks on Wednesday each week for completion and return to school on the following Monday. If there is a good reason why your child is unable to complete their homework, a short note of explanation would be appreciated.

It is very important that your child is learning and practising their times tables. This term we will be focusing on 3, 4 and 8 times tables but they should also know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. Do encourage your child to practise their times tables using *Times Tables Rock Stars*.

Your child will also receive a Home Learning Project Grid of activities to support them with regard to their topic work. They will be asked to choose and complete one task, each half term, from a variety of activities. (See Learning Grid for hand in dates)

Reading

Children will be heard reading at least once a week by an adult in school, either 1:1 or during a class reading session.

As a school, we do encourage you to read with your children daily and to record this in their Reading Record books. In Year 3, all children are expected to read at home, every day, for 20 minutes or more. Please try to find time to listen to your child read and to nurture their love of reading. Sharing a book with a child is fun. It's a time for closeness, laughing and talking

together. Not only are you helping to support their reading skills but you are helping them to understand the world around them and develop key social and emotional skills.

Topic this term

St George's Class will be studying 'Prehistoric Britain' this term.