



Welcome back and Happy New Year!

School uniform

I have been delighted to see how smart the children are looking. Please follow the school uniform policy and ensure that all items of uniform are labelled. Please ensure that your children come to school in warm / waterproof coats during this term as we are keen that they should be able to enjoy outside play as much as possible.

PE

The class has two PE sessions each week on Tuesday and Wednesday. The children need to come to school wearing their PE kit on these days.

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 6 and 8 times tables but they should also know their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 10 times tables. Do encourage your children to practise their times tables using *Times Tables Rock Stars*.

Your children 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

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.

Accelerated Reader:

Your children should be completing the Accelerated Reader set for their books. Their User Name and Password can be found stuck inside their Reading Diary. They need to access the quizzes using the following website link: <https://ukhosted79.renlearn.co.uk/6709018>

If this link does not work, please try this alternative link:

<https://ukhosted79.renlearn.co.uk/6709018/default.aspX>

Please do contact me if your child is unable to access the reading quizzes or if you have questions about Accelerated Reader.

Topic this term

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

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 new term ahead with your children.
Best wishes,
Mrs Kate Woodhams