



Dear Parents and Carers,

It was great to see and talk to some of you at the year group meeting on Thursday. We realise this might not have been a convenient time for all of you so we have sent out the things that we talked through at the meeting below.

School uniform; please name all items including sports and swimming kit with name and class. See our web site for details in the More about Us policies section. Sports kit should consist of black shorts, and plain white t-shirt. Black or grey tracksuit bottoms and a jumper can be worn for outside games lessons. They will also need a coat at school even if they come in a car! Please make sure names are in these too! Please ensure that their kit comes in on a Monday and goes home on a Friday for washing.

Jewellery; Only watches and stud earrings are permitted. These however should not be worn for games or swimming times. As teachers are not permitted to take your child's earrings out or help your children put them back on, it is best that they are not worn on these days.

Homework; literacy homework is given on a Monday to be returned by Thursday. This will consist of ten spellings on a sheet which can be kept at home for practicing for a test on Friday. The children are also asked to select five spellings from the list and use them in sentences of their own, to be written in their sentence books. Maths homework will be given every Thursday to be returned to school the following Monday. This will normally be in the form of an activity sheet. You are very welcome to help your child with their homework and write how much support was needed from you on the work.

In addition to this, this year we are introducing the idea of learning journals. Your child will be given a plain A4 size book to cover in their own way using paper or fabric (they may need some help to do this) each week they will be given a learning objective and asked to show their understanding of it in whatever way they choose in their log using only one page. This could be as photograph of a model they have made (please don't bring in the model itself!), a piece of writing, cartoon, picture, diagram or any other method to show their understanding of the learning objective given. The logs have been ordered but have not arrived in school yet. When they do they will be given out on a Friday to be in the following Wednesday.

We expect the children to be reading daily and this can be recorded in their reading record books. It doesn't have to be long. Little and often is a great way to learn!

It would also be of great help to the children to practice their times tables as much as possible too. Year three are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, and 10 tables to the tenth multiple of ten by the end of the year! But don't stop there all the tables are important, and they all need to be learnt by the end of year four.

Curriculum; Year three will be following the year three curriculum for all subjects. This will obviously be adapted to meet the individuals' needs and abilities.

They will be following the year three topics this year;

Science...Helping plants grow

Teeth and healthy eating

Magnets and springs

Materials

Rocks and soils

Light and shadow

History...Local heroes

Ancient Egypt (we will have a themed day when your child will need a costume. We will let you know when and how to make an outfit nearer the time (summer term!))

R.E.....The Passover
Religions in our local area
What signs and symbols mean
What do we know about Jesus?
Faith and the difference it makes

Geography... Local area and environment
. Weather around the world.

Art.....Changing places (sculpture)
Patterns and printing
Portraying relationships

Design technology...Making sandwiches
Moving monsters
Picture frames

PSHE....We will be following the SEAL programme for year 3 and additional work on Safety, health, and relationships.

FML. This will be Spanish.

PE/Games....Dance, swimming, gym, invasion games, athletics and outdoor and adventurous activities.

ICT text and graphics

Internet safety and e-mail

Monitoring the environment

As you can see it will be a busy and varied year with lots to interest to inspire your children.

We wish to encourage the children's independence and so would encourage you to leave them at the playground so that they enter the school building themselves and put up coats, kits etc. independently. If you wish to see us with any concerns or queries, the best time is after school, (mornings are always very busy) or you can phone to make an appointment via the office.

Help is always welcomed. If you feel that you could spare a few regular hours in your week to help with swimming, reading or have a particular skill that you can contribute we'd love to hear from you. You will need a CRB check but this can be easily organised by our friendly office staff.

We have given you a timetable for you to keep at home helping you and your child organise equipment and homework.

We look forward to seeing you at parents meetings, school trips and around the school.
We hope that this letter will help you have a clearer understanding of the year ahead.

Yours sincerely

Mrs J. Baker, Mrs Sturges and Mrs Rushworth

