

# Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents / Carers

We have now settled into the new term in our two new classes and we hope that this will be an exciting and engaging year for your child. We will be doing our very best to make sure that they have an excellent year and we hope that you will encourage your child to do their best in school. Please come and talk to us if you have any concerns or questions, either at the beginning or end of the day or make an appointment at the school office to come in and see us.

We have outlined some of the key expectations for Year 3 below. We will be holding a Welcome Meeting **in Kennet Classroom on Friday 20<sup>th</sup> September at 3:45pm** to discuss these in a bit more detail. We hope you will be able to join us.

## PE

PE this term takes place on a Wednesday and Thursday for both classes. Mrs Price will be delivering some of the PE lessons. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit in school each week and a coat / warm top that they can wear for outdoor PE lessons.

## Homework

The children will have the same style homework set each week. This will be given out on a Friday and needs to be completed by the following Friday. Weekly spelling and times table tests will take place each Friday, based on the homework the children have been learning. We will set project homework every two terms. All incomplete homework will need to be done during lunchtime. Please keep homework books at home until hand in day so that children can look at their spellings and times tables every night.

## Spellings

Children will have 5 or 6 spellings to learn each week. Children will have 3 short spelling lessons a week and the test will be on Fridays. It is very important that children learn their spellings for the test. Spelling results will be in their homework book so you can monitor your child's progress.

## Times Tables Tests

Primary aged children are expected to have mastered all of their times tables up to 12 x 12, **by the end of year 4**. This is essential for successful progression in maths in KS2. In school, we will be learning individual tables which will be tested weekly, as well as completing a mixed test of 100 questions every Friday. The results of this will be sent home in their homework books. Please continue to support your child with this at home by regularly asking them times table questions.

## Reading

Children should aim to read every night at home. A good routine is essential for this. The new reading records allow you and your child to record how much reading is being done and comment on what has been read. Some children will bring home colour banded books which they need to read at home and bring into school every day. If your child is a 'free reader' and chooses their own books, we will still allocate them one from school which they need to bring in with them every day. Please continue to read with your child, even if they are a confident reader. Asking them questions about the text they are reading will help to support their comprehension skills.

## Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a named water bottle in school. This should go home each night to be cleaned and returned the next day.

## Art Shirts

Please make sure your child has an old t-shirt or shirt to wear over their clothes for art lessons. Some of the materials, paints etc can be difficult to wash out if they get onto uniform.

## Tuck cards

Your child can, if they wish, bring in tuck money to receive a tuck card to buy a snack at break time. Ideally, the money should be brought to school in a purse or wallet and kept in their tray.

Thank you for your help and support. We look forward to seeing you at our Welcome Meeting next week.

Yours sincerely,

**Mr Low & Mr Collishaw**  
**Year 3 Teachers**