

Year 3

January 2020

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the New Year. We hope that the children have had an enjoyable Christmas and are ready for a busy and exciting term ahead! We would like to take this opportunity to say thank you for making Miss McCabe feel so welcome in her first week. She is looking forward to meeting you all and is excited about all of the super learning that will be taking place this term. South America is our topic and some of the children have already been very enthusiastic telling us facts that they know about the countries, their football teams and naming native animals. We can't wait to show you our work.

This newsletter contains some useful information and reminders for the term ahead. Please be aware that the PE days have changed for Year 3.

Important Dates

At the end of each half term, parents and carers are invited to attend Parent Work Viewing sessions where the children will share some of their fantastic learning with you. We hope that by providing you with the dates for the year you will be able to attend.

Date	Time
Friday 14 th February	9:15 am
Thursday 2 nd April	2:45 pm
Wednesday 20 th May	9:15am
Tuesday 7 th July	2:45 pm

PE Kit Reminder

Children should have a t-shirt in their house colour, black shorts and trainers/plimsolls please. Coloured T-shirts with the school logo can be purchased from our uniform supplier Link Up. In colder weather the children will often benefit from having a tracksuit. It is useful if the children have a spare pair of socks in their PE bag (especially for girls who wear tights). Please note that only stud earrings should be worn and these **MUST** be taped up for PE. Please provide your child with tape if this applies. All PE kit should be clearly labelled and the children should have their PE kits and trainers in school every day. **Year 3 PE days will be Monday and Tuesday.**

Homework Reminders

Homework is sent home each **Thursday** with the expectation that it will be returned by the following **Wednesday**. This is the same across the school. Please check your child's homework folder each week.

In Year 3, weekly homework consists of reading, spelling and times tables to enrich our learning in class. Please support your child to complete this to the best of their ability. If they need further guidance from school, then they just need to ask their class teacher. It is helpful if this is done before homework is due in please.

Reading

In everything we do we foster the love of reading and this can carry on at home; encourage your children to read anything – books, newspapers, magazines, recipes (maths as well!) or even the back of the cereal packet! They can read aloud, or quietly on their own, and children of all ages always enjoy being read to. Whilst we know family life is busy, research and our own experiences show that it really does make a difference to children's learning and achievements.

Your child should be aiming to read for at least **20 minutes, four times a week**. Many children will of course be reading for longer than this due to the nature of the text that they are reading. It would be appreciated if you would support your child in keeping their Reading Record up to date. Children and/or parents should write a comment about the book they are reading or how they have read, including the discussions you may have had regarding the text content.

Spellings

Spellings will be set from the Year 3 spelling curriculum. Children should practise their spellings every evening. Children will be tested on a **Wednesday** and the children's work will be monitored to ensure they are applying their new spelling knowledge. It is not just about the children getting their words correct in a test.

Times Tables/Arithmetic

Children should continue to practise their Maths at home. We use TTRockstars as an online resource to support children to learn their times tables. Your child's homework folder will record the times tables that the children are working on. The children's scores from TTRockstars will also be checked on a **Wednesday**. When we look online at scores, we are looking at the improvement for each child. The aim of this learning is to not only increase children's knowledge but also their speed and fluency at recalling related number facts.

Topic related project

This homework will be given half-termly and will relate to the topic that the children are studying within their year group. As it is project based, the children will be able to select their own method of presentation. The projects will need to be handed in on a set date which will be detailed in the homework folder and will form part of the Parent Work Viewings presented to parents. We really enjoy sharing these creative and exciting projects both in class and with other year groups.

Parent Helpers

We are always on the lookout for parent helpers within school. If you would like to volunteer on a regular or ad hoc basis, please contact your child's class teacher. All volunteers within school must have a DBS check, which can be arranged via the school office.

Attendance and punctuality

Please could we ask that children are arriving at school promptly in order to start their learning on time. We would really appreciate it if all parents could also ensure that they allow the children to make their own way through school to the cloakroom areas and don't stay for too long to say goodbye to them. This allows the children to have a smooth transition and settle into their learning in the morning.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards

Miss McCabe, Miss Poulter, Mr Haydon, Mrs Walker, Mrs Broderick and Mrs Dowling
The Year 3 team.