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Dear Parents or Guardians,

I'd like to welcome your child to **Year 3**. Here are just a few bits of information that will help you become more familiar with Year 3's weekly routine.

Children will all need a book bag and are expected to bring this to school every day. The children will be given books to read at home and these will be changed on a weekly basis. However, if your child finishes these quickly they are welcome to change them sooner. We will have a tray for books to sit in when they are returned to the classroom (out of use) and these will only be put back into circulation once they have been cleaned and left for 72 hours. Accompanying the home readers is a reading record where you can record when the books have been read and any comments you may wish to add. It is sometimes difficult to think of things to write but you may simply want to let me know if your child enjoyed the book and could form opinions with explanations. Could your child describe characters and plot, if applicable? Could your child predict what might happen next based on evidence from the text? Now that your child has moved into KS2 there is an expectation that they will become more independent learners. Next week they will have the opportunity to read their home readers during registration time and they will be learning how to record this in their reading record themselves too. This reading time is not meant to replace reading at home but is an additional quiet time in the day which has proven to work well as a time for extra reading.

Your child will also have a spelling book sent home, with a different focus each week. To start with we will be revising phonics and then after half term I will introduce the Year 3 & 4 'Statutory Spellings'. To begin with the homework will ask for words that fit the spelling rule. After the children have thought of at least 5/6 words they will then need to write a sentence with each one in. If your child finds this easy they can extend their sentences or even write a short story. As the year progresses and we cover more



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punctuation and grammar in class, I may include this in the homework too. This will always be explained to the class beforehand so your child should always know what to do.

All children will need a PE kit consisting of a t-shirt, shorts and trainers and as the weather gets colder you should also provide them with a tracksuit top and bottoms. This is particularly important this year as wherever possible I will endeavour to go outside in all weathers. The PE kit will need to be brought into school on a Wednesday and a Thursday as they are unable to use their pegs while we are trying to restrict too much unnecessary movement around the school. If children do not have suitable kit, they may not be able to join in with certain activities.

Throughout the year PE days may change depending on KS2 activities that have been organised. You will be informed of these further PE and sports activities throughout the year.

Maths homework will be set weekly by Mr Wilkins and this will be reintroduced through the 'MyMaths' online homework as soon as possible. Children will always have a week to complete this. The children will also have 'times table' booklets home again and we will encourage them to do a few minutes every day both at home and in class.

There will be a variety of musical and singing activities provided by professional musicians from 'Inspiring Music', hopefully culminating in a concert to be held next summer. You will be informed of the specific details about the lessons and concert as we get through the academic year and closer to the summer term.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact me via the school or at pick up or drop off time. I know that sometimes children open up and say things at home that may be useful for me to know, so I am always available to talk about anything that may be worrying your child or playing on their mind. There is normally a very simple solution to their problem so I am always happy to try and help them solve it quickly before it becomes too much of a worry. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours Faithfully,

Mrs Johanna Turney



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