

### Welcome to Year 3!

We understand that this has been a very unusual start to the school year. Many of you may be worried about your child returning to school and the learning opportunities that they have missed during the pandemic.

Firstly, we would like to reassure you that we are continuing to maintain high levels of hygiene and hand washing in school. Year 3 will be its own social bubble with no interaction with other classes across the school. We will be having extra outdoor learning opportunities this term and encouraging children to maintain appropriate social distancing. We have limited soft furnishings and provided resources that can be cleaned throughout the school day. The children have also been provided with their own pencil case with their own equipment they will need for each lesson.

The school is committed to a 'Recovery Curriculum'. This is a national initiative to support schools to help children regain some of what they have lost due to lock down. We will initially focus on a 'Reset for Safety' where we help the children become familiar with the routines and structures they may have lost; a 'Recovery for Wellbeing' where learning supports the rebuilding of friendships and social interaction; and a 'Rebuild for Learning' where children will have opportunities and freedom to explore their learning.

As always, we are here to help, and are happy to talk to you. It is easier to speak to me after school, but to help aid social distancing, this may be a phone call at a time suitable for us both. Any urgent messages can be passed on to the office who will then pass this information on to me.

### Curriculum:

If you look at the school website, under 'Classes & Curriculum', you will find detailed long term (Curriculum Map) and medium term (Knowledge Organisers) plans for the learning that your child will engage with during Year 3.

### English

In English we shall be learning how to write fables and non-chronological reports. Your child be heard read once per week in Guided Reading. Books will be sent home and changed once a week as we need to quarantine all books for 72 hours before they can be used again. If you would like books for the weekend, we would suggest the Buntingford Library service and ebooks are available at Oxford Owl.

### Maths

We will be exploring number and place value with heavy use of manipulatives and plenty of problem solving. We will also continue to be revising and consolidating number facts using 5 minute frenzies and rehearsing times tables and division facts, building on from learning in Year 2.

### Topics this term:

Our topic this term is the Stone Age and the Celts. In Science we will be exploring Light and Dark. Children are also gaining a full half day Forest School experience to support the 'Recovery Curriculum' where science, geography, maths and art can all be taught and reinforced within the context of the outdoors.

### RE & PSHRE this term:

We will be exploring the value of 'Community' in our class-based Collective Worship sessions alongside making use of our reflection area in the classroom. In RE, we will be focussing on Creation by looking deeply at the world around us and considering how we would look after it. PSHE this term will be focussing on building and strengthening relationships in and outside of the classroom as well as how to manage feelings, in line with the Recovery Curriculum.

### **The Year 3 Team:**

Miss Moss is the class teacher and Mrs Ballard is the teaching assistant in Year 3. Both members of staff are in Year 3 all day every day.

### **Timetable information:**

Monday - Music

Tuesday - Forest School (please come into school in Forest School kit)

Thursday - Show and tell

Friday - PE (Please come into school in PE kit)

Currently, swimming and cooking are on hold until further notice, as is using recorders in Music. We will let you know when guidance changes so that we can go ahead with these activities.

### **Show and tell**

We will be having show and tell on Thursdays as part of our in-class sharing assembly. We have a rota which has already been sent out with the children's groups. Please stick this onto your fridge to avoid disappointment on the day! Because of time pressure, please limit this to one item.

### **Medicines:**

If your child requires medication such as an inhaler or EpiPen, please ensure you have spoken to the office to update their Care Plan and that the medication we have is correct and in date.

### **Reading, spellings and times tables**

Please continue to consolidate the highlighted High Frequency Word sheets that were sent out at the end of Year 2. We will be re-assessing this and updated sheets will be sent out before half term. Times tables are also vital, so please continue to practice these. We will be sending home spellings weekly on Thursdays with a test the following Thursday. As always, please continue to read daily with your child and sign their reading record, even if it's only a couple of pages. We will also be continuing with the reading raffle, so please keep up with this!

# Welcome to Year 3 Autumn Term 2020



Loving to learn,  
Learning to love,  
For every child  
A chance to shine.

