

## Year 3 Update 6.9.24

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3. The children have settled in very well during their first week back at school and are getting used to the new routines in Key Stage 2.

In RE, next week the children will be starting their new topic called Homes. They will think about what makes a house a home and discuss what makes home a special place, what they like to do at home on their own and as a family and about the difficulties that sometimes arise when sharing and being part of a family at home.

In English, the children will be starting our new text called 'Mini Rabbit Not Lost' by John Bond. This book does not have many words so their task over the next few weeks is to write much better sentences for this book to provide the reader with an even more detailed story.

In Maths, the children have been learning about place value, which will be our focus for the next few weeks. They have been learning about representing two and three-digit numbers in different ways.

Vocabulary: representation, dienes, place value, digit, re-group

### Homework

We will not be setting written homework this week but all children have been given their TT Rockstars logins which can be found in their reading records. We would like them to test their logins this week and explore some of the games. All children have been given a letter which explains the different games that are available.

### Spellings

On Monday, your child will receive their spellings for the week. Each week their spelling test will be based on the spelling focus they have been learning about in class. Next week will be learning the rules for using the long vowel sound 'a' for example: e.g. **rain**, **spray**, **cake**, **weight** and **lady**. Each week they can practise writing their spellings on the sheet provided. Their spelling test will be completed every Monday and they will receive new spellings on this day too.

### Messages

- Forest School begins on Monday 9<sup>th</sup> September, please refer to the letter that has been emailed to you by the office for further details.
- A reminder that no earrings should be worn in school.
- It is important that your children are reading daily at home. Please record daily reading in your child's reading record with a comment when necessary, about how they have read and what page they have read up to. This will be collected and checked weekly. As a school, we are focusing on reading and are really trying to encourage the children to read daily at home. We will count the number of reading comments each child has every week and these will be added up every half term and they may receive a certificate for their efforts.
- Reading books will be changed on Monday. Your child will receive 3 books, to be read throughout the week. **Please remember that your child's books will not be changed unless they have been signed by an adult in their reading record.** Children who are 'free readers' will be responsible for changing their own book, but this will be overseen by an adult. The children have been introduced to how to sign books in and out of the class library. Your child will only be able to change their book if an adult has written that it has been completed in their homework diary. It is important their daily reading is recorded in their homework diary.
- Homework will be set on Teams every Friday to be returned on the following Thursday.
- A reminder that your child can bring in fruit or raw vegetables as a snack to eat at playtime.
- Please make sure that your child brings a water bottle to school every day.

Thank you and have a great week,

Frances, Corinne and Aimie ☺

