

Thursday 10th September

Dear Year 3 Parents,

We hope that your children are beginning to settle into Junior life; it has been lovely to have a full classroom again and see such happy, smiling faces and we are so impressed with what hard workers they all are. This is a time of change (even under normal circumstances) and they are all doing so well with the new routines and expectations that come with the transition to Year 3, as well as the increased measures in place due to Covid-19.

We wanted to take this opportunity to outline some of the key information for the coming year.

Topics

We cover many exciting topics in Year 3 including learning about: Skeletons, the Local Area, Keeping Healthy, The Stone Age, The Iron Man by Ted Hughes, Volcanoes, the Romans, the Lake District and Plants. Curriculum Overviews are available on our website and we will be updating the Year 3 area with photographs over the year.

Reading

Your child has been given a reading book which will stay in their school tray and be read daily in school. Reading at home is to be completed for at least 15 minutes a day using Bug Club and I will be keeping track of who is accessing this. Of course, children are also encouraged to read any books they have at home and I look forward to hearing about what they are enjoying. If you are unable to access Bug Club or would like your child to have an actual book from school to read at home, please email me and I will be sure that they bring one home.

Homework

Your child will bring home a clear plastic wallet every **Thursday** containing either a **Maths or an English sheet**. They should complete this sheet and return it to school by the following **Tuesday**. We will then be going over the task together in class.

Spellings – Starting next week, your child will bring home a selection of words on a piece of paper which they will have chosen and written themselves. These words will be chosen from a bank of words related to our spelling focus for the week. Please support your child in practising spelling the words, looking for patterns within them and help them understand the meaning of the words. Encouraging them to use the words in sentences can be beneficial to this. The list of words will come home in the wallet on a Thursday and these words can stay at home (no need to return with the other homework.)

Times tables will be tested every **Friday**. Mrs Smith will send home a note telling you which table your child needs to practise each week. Please practise often with your child and allow them to access **Times Table Rockstars**.

Your child can continue to use the games on **Sumdog** to further practise their mental Maths skills. Please email me if you need a reminder of your child's login details.

PE

Our PE days are **Wednesday** and **Thursday**. Please ensure that your child has a **named** PE kit in school at all times. Most of our PE will be taking place outside so you may wish to include tracksuit bottoms or leggings.

We would like to thank you in advance for your support in all the above areas. We appreciate how difficult it can be to fit everything in with busy family lives but the work you do at home with your child really does have an impact on their learning and progress so every little helps!

If you have any questions or concerns at all, please do not hesitate to contact us by emailing either clare.eccles@kirkhamwesham.lancs.sch.uk or by telephoning the school office.

We look forward to working with your children this year and helping them to achieve their very best.

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