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Dear Parents,

Welcome back to another term in Year 3.

As we move into the new year, children will continue with many aspects of the autumn term. Mrs Laphorn and I have been working on the new Year 3 and 4 quest which will explore new topics. We will continue to cover the same subjects taught in the autumn term and provide a broad and rich curriculum for Class 3.

I would like to remind you and your child of our school values – care, aspire, belong.

Class 3's current focus is 'kindness' to support and nurture children's wellbeing. What does kindness mean? How can we be kind? Are there different ways to be kind? How does being unkind make another person feel? Children have previously covered this in the autumn term, and kindness will continue to be revisited throughout the spring term. You are welcome to have these discussions with your child at home additionally. Class 3 has a class agreement which children have signed to ensure we have a kind and supportive classroom environment. It is lovely to see many children embracing this ethos and I hope to see this continue over the coming term.

Reading records will continue to be checked and changed on Tuesdays. Your child's reading record will contain a staff member's initials to show that it has been seen in school. From this point, children are expected to read four times over the course of a week, before being checked again on the following Tuesday. Reading with staff members in school does not count towards the expectation, nor does reading home books, unless your child is a free reader. This is to ensure children who are currently on reading bands are reading appropriate level books and can move through the reading bands towards becoming a free reader. Children may at times receive books from a different band, if we have identified phonetic gaps in your child's knowledge and are working on these in school.

It is advised that you enter into the reading records when you read with your child, regularly and accurately, otherwise staff members are unable to identify if or when a child has read. Reading is an important element in a child's development and therefore we strongly encourage reading with your child regularly at home.



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Class 3 will continue to receive spellings each Thursday, with a completed spelling activity due in on the following Thursday, when they are also tested. Our focus on spellings aims to support children's progress as well as aid their reading and writing development. Towards the end of the term, children may receive a slightly different activity, as we review or assess a variety of Year 3 spelling words as part of our end of term assessment.

MyMaths homework will continue to be set in the spring term. Maths homework is made available for children each Wednesday during term time, to be completed by the following Wednesday. All children have been provided with a username and password to login to the system. Should your child have forgotten their login details, please let me know.

Children are given regular reminders throughout the week regarding their homework and reading records.

Class 3 will have PE on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Children are asked to have the PE kits in throughout the week as they regularly participate in additional activities or sessions. Class 3 will have an additional PE session on the afternoon of Friday 12th January.

Class 3 will have one Forest School sessions during the spring term, on Wednesday 21st February.

Important information will be communicated to you by the school. This may be via ParentMail, the Friday Flyer, the school office or a member of staff. Social media is not advised as a means of receiving class news as this may be unreliable or cause confusion. Questions regarding children's learning can be sent to the class email address, where I aim to respond as promptly as possible during school hours. Alternatively, your question can be discussed directly with me. All other inquiries should go through the school office.

Staffing for the spring term will remain unchanged, with Miss Davy and I working with the class for most of the week. Mrs Brierley will continue to teach Class 3 on Wednesday afternoon, with Miss Yeats supporting.

I hope you find this information useful, and I look forward to wonderful term!

Best wishes,

Caitlynn Downer



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