

YEAR 3 INFORMATION MEETING

September 2020

WELCOME TO YEAR 3

- There are 2 classes in year 3, Amber and Lemon. Miss Ormerod is Amber class teacher and Mrs Goodridge is Lemon class teacher.
- We are ably assisted by Mrs O'Hara and Miss Stapleton (Lorraine).
- P.S. – The children are settling back into school very well! We would like to thank you for your continued support!

HOW WE DO THINGS!

- **Groups** — the children grouped by ability into 2 groups for Maths and English. We do sometimes move the children after assessments. All groups follow the year 3 curriculum — but at different depths and speeds.
- **Homework** - we may send Maths and English work home - but this is NOT to be returned at the moment.
- **PE and Games** — no PE or games kits at the moment — the children do exercise daily.
- **Interventions** — this is catch up work. Once we have established what gaps there are the children will receive catch up sessions.
- **Independence!** Your child should be able to do their own shoes, shoelaces, zips and buttons!

MATHS

- We want maths to be interesting, practical and fun. We do use worksheets but will also teach practical lessons with lots of equipment to help understanding.
- Number facts (fluency) we want all our children to know off by heart number facts (EG – bonds to 10 and 20 and 10s numbers to 100 and also 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 x table)
- Reasoning, we do quite a lot of work on enabling the children to explain their mathematical ideas – and why certain calculations work and others don't.
- Home help – this is very important! We appreciate your help with number fact learning, telling the time (to the nearest minute) and having a go at using different measures – e.g. – when baking.
- We encourage the children to use pictures and jottings to work out problems and calculations.
- How we teach calculation – please see the VCP (Visual Calculation Policy) on the website.

ENGLISH

- Reading – all children have got a reading book for use in school. Unfortunately we can't send these home at present. Please read and share as many stories and books as you can at home.
- Handwriting, - we practise this at school but please feel free to do some at home.
- Spelling, -each group will practise spellings in school and have a spelling test each week. These may sometimes be sent home/put on Twitter for extra practise.
- Writing – we use picture and story books to teach different types of writing.

OTHER CURRICULUM SUBJECTS

- Maths and English are taught each day.
- We are also focussing on PSHE education (personal social health economic) every day at the moment.
- Our aim is for the children to have 30 minutes of physical activity each day.
- The children will experience other subjects like RE, art, science, history etc. through out the term – please see the parent booklet.

CONTACTING US

- We know these are unusual times – if you need to discuss your child's circumstances please don't hesitate to contact us via the school office.