

YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER TO PARENTS AUTUMN 2020


Welcome back Year 3 - We hope you have enjoyed the start of Year 3 and are looking forward to learning lots of new things!

Year 3 Teaching Staff

St John's – Mrs Claydon and Miss Stone.

St Jude's – Miss Lawlor and Mrs Wratten.

Homework Expectations

| | Reading | Spelling | Grammar | Maths | Tables |
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| Year 3  | Reading daily for 15 minutes - At least twice a week on Bug Club. | Spellings on Spelling Shed. | Grammar Bug – 2 sessions each week. | Maths Factor – children should complete 2 sessions per week. There are extra games and catch-up activities on Maths Factor too. | Weekly times tables Times tables Rock Stars |

Active Learn

Three of our homework programmes are accessed via the 'Active Learn' website – Maths Factor, Grammar and Bug Club.

Maths Factor – Within Maths factor, the children complete sessions involving a video lesson, warm up and practice session. While we only expect children to complete at least 2 sessions per week, there are enough sessions for children to complete one session a day, if you wish for them to do so.

There are also lots of additional maths challenges for the children to complete via the 'Games Centre', 'Summer Club' and 'Winter Club' areas. These are particularly useful as revision sessions, especially where we have not been in school for such a long period of time.

Bug Club – The children should be familiar with Bug Club from their time in the infants and during lockdown. Bug Club should be used at least twice a week for reading practise. Books from home should also be read to develop the children's reading skills.

Grammar – Children will use the 'Active Learn' log in information and select the Grammar option. They will need to complete the weekly grammar task. For additional work, children can complete more sessions or they can use any of the other features in 'Games'.

Spelling Shed – Children need to log on and learn the spellings allocated to them.

Homework is set for all classes on a Friday and needs to be completed by the following Thursday.

PE days/ Field day



Children have PE twice a week – Tuesday and Thursday. Your child must come into school wearing their black PE track suit and PE t-shirt. The new PE kit is available from the school shop. Please purchase these as soon as possible if you haven't already. **Red** – St Edward's, **blue** – St Mary's, **green** – St Angela's, **yellow** – St Dominic's.

We encourage children to come to school with a refillable water bottle (no single-use plastic bottles please) to keep hydrated throughout the day.

Medical and SEND information

We ask that any medication or asthma pumps are in school. Any medical or SEND information needs to be emailed to the school office – Addressed to Mrs Balcombe.

Our Topics for the Autumn Term

| | RE | English | Maths | CLC | Science |
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| Autumn 1 | Homes Promises | Aesop's Fables By Michael Morpurgo | Place Value Addition & Subtraction | Where do we live? | Animals, including Humans |
| Autumn 2 | Visitors | The Tunnel by Anthony Browne & Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura | Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division | Bronze & Stone Age | Rocks |

Music Lessons

Private music lessons (flute, ukulele and violin) will go ahead as usual this term, if your child owns their own instrument. Extra provisions have been put in place to ensure the safety of staff and pupils. Mrs Skinner is also offering private recorder lessons this term. Please contact the school office if you would like your child to take part.



Key Dates for Autumn Term

- Whole school virtual Harvest Assembly – **Wednesday 30th September**
- Mid-term reports – **Friday 16th October**
- Parent phone consultations – **Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October**
- Training day – School closed – **Friday 23rd October**
- Half term – **Monday 26th – Friday 30th October**
- Return to school - **Monday 2nd November**
- Children's photographs (singles) - **Monday 9th November**
- Whole school virtual Remembrance Service - **Wednesday 11th November**
- Christmas Jumper Day – **Wednesday 16th December**
- Last day of term & Mid-term reports – **Friday 18th December**

We all look forward to the year ahead.

Kind regards,

The Year Three Team

