

# YEAR 3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

Welcome back to the Autumn term at Tanworth and welcome to Year 3!

We may have only be just about to finish our second week of the year, but the children have already been hard at work! The children are settling in and starting to get used to the new routines and the expectations of Year 3 and life in the Juniors. We have lots of exciting themes and lessons planned for the year and are sure that your children will enjoy their time in Year 3. The newsletter is full of information about Year 3 and what to expect this term. The class website is fully up and running, so don't forget to check it out for updates and support.

## Reading

A number of the children in the class will be using the Accelerated Reader scheme now they are in the Juniors.

Accelerated Reader is a scheme that gives the children a selection of books to choose from in the form of a decimal number range, which we call their 'ZPD'. Children choose a book from this range, read it, then can take an online test to check their comprehension. They gain points and, depending on the length and complexity of the book and how they perform on the quiz, the number of points will change. The stickers inside the books indicate how many points are available. It also records how many books they have read and how many words as the year progresses. We have a challenge to read a million words in the year or to get as close as you can!

You should all have had reading books come home, and for those children on 'Accelerated Reader Scheme', their ZPD is at the front of their reading diary, which gives them a range of books to choose from in the library.

Children should be reading at home for at least 15 mins per day, but they also have 15 mins independent reading time during the school day, so it's important they **always bring their reading book and diary into school.**

When your child has completed their book they will 'quiz' on the book using Accelerated Reader and then, if successful, change their book. This can be done on any day of the week, but usually during registration or our independent reading time.

## Reading cont.

We still use reading diaries in Year 3, but the emphasis is on the children taking a more active role in filling these in, recording what they have been reading and any new vocabulary they have learnt. So, get stuck into those books! Happy reading!

## Staff in Year 3

Teacher: Mrs Hoskins

Teaching assistants:  
Mrs Hemming

## PE

Please ensure your child wears their PE kit to school on PE days.

Our P.E days are: Monday and Tuesday.

## Homework

In Year 3, children will complete weekly times table homework to work towards their multiplication check in Year 4. Other homework will be set online on the class page, please check on a Friday afternoon for the week's homework. This homework **will be optional**. The homework may be grammar, maths, theme... whatever fits the needs of the week! This can be checked/marked at home and I will be happy to go through further queries at school with any children who need support. Spellings will also be uploaded half-termly to the website's class page. Optional termly theme-based home learning projects will also be coming home with this newsletter. Home Learning projects are open-ended and linked to our theme. Children have the opportunity to research an area they're interested in and display it in a manner of their choosing. The aim is for children to get creative and enjoy themselves! There will be a class gallery for the children to share their work. We are currently in the process of reviewing our home learning and homework policy if and when there are changes I will update you.

## Volunteers

Please come and speak to me if you would be happy to give up some time each week and to come into school and hear readers!

If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak to me. I am here to help and want the best for every child in the class.

Mrs Hoskins

## Spellings

You will find the term's focus spellings on the class page. We no longer hold weekly spelling tests, but rely more on the application of the spellings and retention of rules, which is why they have a dictation exercise on alternate Fridays to see that they can remember and apply spellings from the previous two weeks.

## Upcoming Events

- 26<sup>th</sup> September - Stone Age Day
- 3rd October - Harvest Service led by Year 4
- 10<sup>th</sup> October - Year 3 Open the book in church
- 21<sup>st</sup> October - Parents' Evening
- 23<sup>rd</sup> October - Parents' Evening
- 24<sup>th</sup> October - INSET Day
- 25<sup>th</sup> Oct - 1<sup>st</sup> Nov - Half Term holiday
- TBC - Remembrance Service
- 21st November - Home learning due in
- 24<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> November - Home Learning gallery
- TBC - KS2 Carol Concert
- 19<sup>th</sup> December - Christmas Service led by Year 3