

Trawden Forest Primary - School Newsletter

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Dear Parents/Guardians.

Welcome to Year 3 and Sycamore Class. We hope that you have all had a good rest and enjoyed some exciting activities during the summer holiday. We are very much looking forward to a new school year with 30 wonderful children. They have made an impressive start to the year and have settled in well. This newsletter will outline our learning for this term, the routines that we will have and the topics for the remainder of the year. However, more detail about each subject can be found on our website. We've also included a timetable to help as there are lots of things for you to remember too! At the present time, Year 3 children will use a Homework/Personalised Learning Book where you will find their homework for the week and any other relevant small activities linked to their own individual learning needs as appropriate to the child. We look forward to getting to know both you and your children more throughout the year. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. You can do this via email, through the school office or catch us at the start or end of the day.

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Homework:

<u>Tasks:</u> Every Friday your child will be set homework in their Homework/Personalised Learning Book.



<u>Spellings:</u> We will share ten words each Friday linked to a spelling rule that we have been practising in class for your child to learn each week. These words, however, may also include the common exception words relevant to your child's learning. There will be a spelling test the following Thursday for children to show what they have learnt.

Reading: Children will be able to change their books once they have completed an Accelerated Reader quiz on their book. Those children who are not following the Accelerated Read will be able to change their books once they have discussed it with an adult in school. Please access reading in other ways such as through local libraries and books you have at home. Please support your child at home by listening to them read daily. The children do have their own Reading Record this year. Please write in this when you have heard them read. If your child reads more independently at times, then they can write in the pages they have read as well as write a sentence about what they have read.

<u>Times tables:</u> Each Thursday, your child will complete a times table test. The times table they need to practise will change as and they progress. This information will be in their Homework/
Personalised Learning book on Fridays along with an activity to complete. Your child will practise their time tables in school but it would benefit them to practise at home too. They can do this on Time Table Rockstars at home. The more practise they get, the easier they will find it to recall their times tables.

Learning:

Our topic for the first half term is 'Let there be light!'. During this topic, children will learn about lights, shadows and how to keep our eyes safe in the Sun. In English, we will start by focussing on the text 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs'.



We will look at different vocabulary and ways to make our stories more interesting each day.

Please see our Curriculum Map on the website for further details of this and our learning throughout the year.

Year 3 Topics and Bucket List Activities

Autumn 1		Spring 1		Summer 1	
Let there be light!	LET THERE BE LIGHT	We will rock you!	Year 3 Rocks	The Iron man	The Iron Man
Autumn 2		Spring 2		Summer 2	
All about me		How does your garden grow?		GROW?	

Reminders:

Water: Please ensure that your child has a bottle of water every day, labelled with their name, to keep them hydrated throughout the day.



Uniform: Please make sure that all uniform is named as this makes it easier to find and be returned to you.

Snack: They can bring in a healthy snack, which can be eaten at morning or afternoon break, which must be kept in their coat pocket or book bag.

P.E kits: We will be doing PE outside as much as possible so please ensure that your child has the appropriate kit for this. Their kit can remain in school for the half term. Children will require trainers for outdoor PE and pumps for indoor PE. Earrings must be taken out prior to school or by the child in school. Trainers: Please make sure that your trainers are in school **every day**.

Forest School: Please bring waterproof clothing and wellies on their Forest School dates. This could be a waterproof all-in-one suit or separate waterproof trousers and coat. This will make it easier for the children to put on over their school uniform and mean that they will not need to get changed in school.

Book Bags: We aim to promote more independence in Year 3, so we no longer check book bags. Children will be asked daily if they have anything in them, however, it is their responsibility to bring their books / letters into class.

Timetable / Key Dates

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
PE	Trainers needed		Times table Test	Forest School
			Spelling Test	
			Trainers needed	Homework Set

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