



Class 3 Autumn Term 2017



Dear Parents,

Welcome back to a new school year! We look forward to working with you and your children this year.

Mrs Mintoft will be teaching the class from Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Loft will teach on Thursdays and Fridays.

Maths and English will take place in the morning sessions, with a focus on Reading and Spelling in particular this year. In our topic, we will be finding out about Stone Age Britain and how life changed through this period, leading to the Iron Age. This theme will link to other areas of the curriculum as much as possible. In science, our theme is 'Animals, including humans', which also links with healthy eating.

Homework

Homework books will be sent home on a **Tuesday**. This will usually be a piece of maths or literacy homework linked to our classwork for that week.

Please ensure that books are returned by the following **Monday** so that they can be marked! Children are responsible for placing completed homework in the box, in the classroom.

Reading

Your child will read in a group at school each week and will also read individually to an adult, where possible.

Please encourage your child to read to you daily. As a minimum, we ask that you sign your child's reading diary at least **3 times a week**.

Children will be responsible for changing their own book and will have the opportunity to do so at the start of the school day.

Water Bottles / Pencil Cases

Children are encouraged to bring a named water bottle to school. Water only please!

All writing equipment is provided, so the children do **not** need to bring a pencil case. Children may keep their own coloured pencils in their drawer, if they wish.

Spellings

For the first half term we will revisit high frequency words and words from Year 2 to check that the children have remembered these spellings.

After half term, we will follow the 'Read, Write, Inc' spelling programme. There will be daily spelling activities working towards achieving the Year 3 spelling goals. Each week, spellings will consist of words with a particular spelling pattern, plus tricky words that don't follow the usual rules! Please sign your child's spelling book to confirm that they have practised their spellings. Spellings will be tested on a **Monday**.

PE

Your child needs to have their PE kit in school all week. Please ensure that your child has an appropriate kit, which is clearly named. You may wish to provide jogging trousers for outdoor PE as the weather gets colder.

Spare socks are useful for girls who wear tights.

How you can help...

- Hear your child read at least 3 times a week. (Even confident readers!)
- Help with learning weekly spellings and sign their spelling book.
- Learn times tables: Revise x2, x5 and x10 and then move on to x3, x4 and x 8.
- Remind children to return homework and spelling books on a Monday.

Please do not hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns about your child or our activities this term.

Best Wishes,

Mrs Mintoft / Mrs Loft