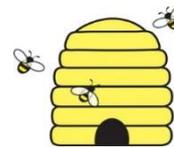


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Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back! I hope that your summer has been wonderful and you have all had time to feel a little more 'normal' than we have for a while. It has been a joy to be able to have the children all together this week. The whole school assembly on Monday made me once again realise what a wonderful school family we have and how much we have missed being together. The children have been exceptional with coming back into school. They have fully embraced being part of a school community whilst also creating new friendships within our classroom. They have also been working hard too!

This year, our class will be known as The Pod. This previously has been that name of our physical classroom but have decided to develop this into our own class name. We are a pod of dolphins and I am sure the children have told you about our underwater cloakroom. They have created their own dolphins out of paper too so we now have our own pod in our classroom.

The children have already been diving into their learning. We have explored biomes in Geography with them creating their own research project based on a biome of their choice. In RE, we have started to look at the Five Pillars of Islam during our Active Learning day. They were amazing with our information treasure hunt, especially as it was such a hot day!

This letter gives the information you will need for your child/ren in Class 3 this term.

Our value this term is Respect and our book hook is: The Extraordinary Colours of Auden Dare by Zillah Bethall. The children are very welcome to bring in a copy to school should they wish to have their own. This books naturally lend itself to areas of Geography, Science and Literacy skills and enable discussions and learning around our environment and how we can care for and respect it. Please see the topic web, which provides further insight into what the children will be learning in each subject this term. In Class 3, Mrs Cooke, Mrs Haynes and I will be supporting the children's learning. Mrs Ballard will take the class every Thursday afternoon, with Mr Mendum teaching on a Thursday morning.

P.E.

P.E will be taught every week on a **Thursday**. Please can you ensure that **your child/children arrive at school already dressed in their PE kit**. They will remain in this for the day and not need to change, Below is the required PE kit:

- White T-shirt and school jumper
- Black shorts or dark joggers when it is colder weather, as the children will mostly be outside for PE where possible
- Trainers

Belongings

Many of the resources the children need are provided within the classroom, below is a quick list of things that they do need to ensure they bring to School each day.

- Snack
- Lunch box if required
- Water bottle
- Reading record/books every day
- A pencil case (if they wish to)



Reading Records

Your child should already have come home with a Reading Record. As much as possible, please listen to your child/children read daily and record the name of the book, the date read, and also which pages have been read in that session. Please do remember to record every read as we check the children's records weekly and total them to see when they achieve a reading certificate (every 30 reads), it would be fantastic to achieve as many as we can this term!

Homework

Homework will be set online via the children's Teams account every Friday and be accessible via the Assignments tab to be completed by the following Friday. If you have any problems accessing your child/children's Teams account, please contact the office so we can help! There will be 2 quizzes, explained below:

- Maths – This will contain a couple of questions for the children to practice what they have been learning in the week. Please do complete these with your child/children and use practical objects where it may be necessary.
- SPAG – This will contain a couple of questions based on the grammar skills they have been learning in the week.

Spellings – This will be via Letter Join which will start on Friday 17th- details will follow shortly

To further support the children's maths and reading, in addition to the weekly set homework, we have two online resources that we will use:

- My Maths – I will load activities that consolidate the learning weekly. Our first topic will be Place Value.
- BugClub reading - Please use this for other reading materials during the week as regularly as possible. I check allocations weekly and am informed when new books need to be set as long as the comprehension questions (click on the bug picture whilst reading to get to these!) are completed for each book read.

If you need a login reminder for MyMaths or BugClub let me know and I provide you with these.

Mrs Ballard has also created a termly PE homework, which with parents across the term. This will be coming home with your child/ren today.

I am so excited for the term ahead and can not wait to see what the children achieve!

If you do have any queries or concerns, then please do feel free to catch me at the gate at the end of the school day or alternatively speak to the office to arrange a suitable time to meet.

Kind Regards,

Mrs McKenna

