

## YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN 2 2019

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a lovely half term break. Here are some things that you need to know this term:

### THE Y3 TEAM

I will be teaching Monday to Thursday. **Mr Wallis** will be teaching the children on a Friday whilst I have my PPA and NQT time. Our teaching assistant will be **Miss Brammer**, we only have her for some of the week as she also works with Year 4. **Miss Mcrae** will also join us for some time in the morning every day.

### DROPPING OFF AND PICKING UP

The children should come in and put their coats and bags on their peg, but they need to make their own way up to class with their reading books. We encourage the children to arrive between 8:40am and 8:50am ready to start the day's learning on time.

Now the children are in Y3, they leave school on their own to find their parents at the Derbyshire Lane entrance at 3:30pm. If there is no one there to collect them, they need to come back to the door where there will be an adult to wait with them.

### PE KIT

We have got Rich teaching one of our PE days this term so our regular PE days this term will be **Tuesday and Thursday**. Please make sure the children have their full PE kits in school.

### WATER BOTTLES

It is very important that the children keep hydrated, so please make sure they are in school every day with their name on. Only water please!

### HOMEWORK

Homework will be sent home every **Thursday** and the children have until **Wednesday** to return it. However, many children like to bring their homework in on **Monday** for our assembly as they might get chosen for Homework of the Week. Homework should take roughly 20-30 minutes and will be related to the learning done that week.

### SPELLINGS

Spellings will be sent home every **Monday**. We ask that the children practise learning these spellings as they will be tested in a dictation test on **Friday**. We will also practise them in class.

### READING BOOKS AND LIBRARY

Children will be given a new reading book in the first couple of weeks. Please continue to read with your child daily and fill in their reading record. Books can be changed by the children when needed. The children are also encouraged to be responsible and independent with their reading/changing their books this year.

The children will be able to take out a library book every **Friday**. This can be changed weekly. Please look after any books that you take home.

### AWARDS

In order to win some of our class/whole school rewards, we ask the children to remember our whole school values: **Responsibility, Resourcefulness, Reflectiveness, Relationships, Respect and Resilience.**

Every day we will choose a star of the day - someone that has tried their best. This could be to do with their learning, friendships, around the classroom. They will get to take home Snowball for that evening and write/draw about the adventures they get up to together. We ask that you return Snowball the following day and the child will get to read/show their adventures together.

There will also be a Star of the Week chosen that is announced in Friday's celebration assembly (They will take Snowball home for the weekend).

I will also choose someone to win a treat on 'Tremendous Thursday'. This will be someone who has made Y3 a brighter, happier and more enjoyable place during the week. They will get to choose a treat out of my special box!

In Y3 the children have chance to win golden time where the class can choose a treat. The whole class has to earn 5 stars for this to happen, it might not happen every week!

### PROUD WALL

In our class, we have a Proud Wall where we encourage children to bring things they have achieved or are proud of: certificates, photos, things they have made etc.

### TOPICS

Our topics for the year look like this:

Autumn 1	SCRUMDIDDLEYUMPTIOUS - Food
Autumn 2	GODS AND MORTALS - Ancient Greece
Spring 1	TREMORS - Earthquakes and Volcanoes
Spring 2	PREDATORS - Animals
Summer 1	TRIBAL TALES - Stone Age
Summer 2	FLOW - Rivers

### KEY DATES

Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November - Trip to The Crucible for the Book Awards (Please make sure you have given permission and paid for the bus fare via parent pay). The children will need a packed lunch.

W/C 25<sup>th</sup> November - Alan Payne in school for Poetry Week.

Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> November - Greek Day - The children will get to dress up and complete lots of Greek activities.

### TWITTER

Please follow us on Twitter! I post regular updates, news, messages and pictures on here and it is one of the best ways to see what we're up to: @MeersbrookY3

I can't wait for another great term.

Heather Pykett