

*Welcome to*

*Jupiter*

*Years 3/4*



*Ridgewell  
C of E VA Primary School*

## **Welcome to Year 3/4**

### **Jupiter Class**

The class teacher this year is Mr Bettesworth and our classroom assistants are: Mrs Hudson and Miss Thompson. During the week classroom assistants also work in other classes in school.

We hope you will find this booklet useful in helping to answer some of the questions you may have. If you have issues or concerns over your child's education please feel free to come to talk to us. Like you our main concern is to provide your child with as good an education as possible in a happy and safe environment.

### **General Information**

#### **Routines in Jupiter Class**

Doors open at 8.50am and your child will line up in the junior playground before being met outside by the teacher. Children practise handwriting, spellings or mental maths each morning before register so please make sure they arrive promptly.

#### **Absence**

If your child is not going to be in school because of an illness or appointment then please contact school as early as possible.

### **Values**

Our whole school centres on teaching children about different Christian values. These form the focus of our assemblies, classroom discussions and they are given a different focus each half term.

### **Curriculum Overview**

To keep you informed about what your child is learning at school we send home our termly topic overview which informs you of our topic and how this is taught in different subject areas. These will also be published on the school website.

If, at any time throughout the year, you have a concern or would like to inform us of, or ask us something please pop in to see us.

We look forward to the year ahead working with you and your child.

**Mr S Bettesworth**

### Learning in Years 3 and 4

Lessons taught in years three and four follow the National Curriculum, comprising of English, Maths, Science, Computing, History, Geography, Art, Design Technology, Music, Physical Education, SMSC/PSHE and R.E.

Year three and four children learn through a topic based creative curriculum which enables them to make sense of their learning. It is also important that the children start to take responsibility for their learning. This is encouraged through the use of problem solving tasks and independent research.

#### **Our topics this year:**

Autumn Term: Anglo Saxons

Spring Term: Ancient

Summer Term:

#### **Educational Visits**

As part of our school's aim to make learning interesting and enjoyable, we aim to book one educational visit per term to enhance the topics we are covering. We will, of course, inform you of where we are visiting once visits have been arranged together with travel details and costs.

### **Uniform**

Please ensure all uniform is labelled, including coats and P.E. kits. P.E. kits should be in school every day and are kept in boxes in the cloakroom outside Jupiter Class. They will be sent home at the end of each half-term for washing.

### **Contacts**

Please make sure we have up-to-date contact details

### **Helping in class**

If you have time to spare and would like to help in class please mention it to us. We always appreciate your help.

### **Reading**

Please ensure your child has their reading book and reading diary with them every day. Your child will read individually with a member of staff once a week. It is extremely important that children practise their reading every day at home whatever level they are at. This does not always have to be their school reading book. Please make sure their reading record is signed every time you hear your child read. Children who read four times or more each week will receive a star.

If your child does not have a school book bag please send your reading book in in a zippy wallet.

### **Playtime Snacks**

To promote a healthy school, we operate a 'fruit or cereal bar only' policy at playtime. Please discourage your child from bringing sweets, chocolate or crisps for a snack.

### ***Homework***

*Homework is given out weekly, English/creative one week and maths the alternate week.*

*Homework will be sent home in a homework folder on a Friday and should be returned by Wednesday. Please encourage your child to look after their folder and bring it in on time.*

### ***English/Creative Homework***

*Children will receive English or art based homework often linked to the class topic.*

### ***Maths Homework***

*Worksheets relating to the maths studied in school will be given out once a fortnight. Please try to encourage your child to complete these as independently as possible, noting on the sheet if they needed support.*

### ***Spellings***

*Your child will bring home their new spellings each Thursday along with a practise sheet to complete, this work will aid their understanding of the spelling pattern and provide them an opportunity to practise their words. Please encourage your child to practise their words each day. Spellings will be tested on Friday morning. Stars are awarded for full marks.*

### ***Sport***

*P.E. is usually on Tuesday afternoons (this can change so P.E. kits need to be in school every day) so please ensure all earrings are removed and your child has their P.E. kit for that day should it have been taken home. (school P.E. Airtex top, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms and trainers)*

### ***Outdoor Learning***

*We believe in the importance of children learning through experience and in the benefits of working outside. We intend to deliver aspects of the curriculum through using the school grounds.*

*For the majority of these activities normal school uniform will be adequate. If an activity requires children to wear different clothing than we will contact you to provide the necessary information.*