

# Miss Watson's Class Newsletter

**Monday 11<sup>th</sup> June 2018**

*Welcome back to the Year 3s and a big welcome to the Year 2s.*

## Our learning

Please see the attached sheet for what and how we will be learning in the different subject areas.

### Homework – times tables and spelling

Children need to visit <https://trockstars.com/login> to play at least ten 'Garage' times tables games **by Friday** each week.

Year 2 children – your username and password will be inside the cover of your reading diary – don't worry if you find it difficult at first as we will also practise at school.

**If you don't have access to the internet, please let me know, as worksheets can be provided instead.**

Children should also be learning their spellings, but these don't need to be handed in.

Most Y3 children (those who are no longer on the phonics programme) have a Spelling Log containing words they need to learn, as well as a sheet of orange words (with those they can spell highlighted). An additional sheet listing the spelling rules with examples was also sent home for your reference.

Many Year 2 children are still on the phonics programme. Please look out for weekly word lists to practise at home.

Extra homework (e.g. writing sentences using their spellings) is rewarded with house points.

### Reading

Please help your child to succeed by listening to them read as often as you can. The more often you can read with your child, the more fluent they will become and the easier they will find all aspects of their learning. Please record reading at home in your child's Reading Diary. Books in book bags are changed every Friday (unless your child hasn't finished with them – please ensure comments in Reading Diaries reflect this.)

Children may be required to spend time reading at playtime, if they are not reading at home.

### Phonics

Some children are still working on their phonics. If this is the case, your child will receive a phonics mat this week with sounds and words to practise. Please help your child to progress by listening to them read the sounds and words on their phonics mat.

Some Year 2 children failed the Year 1 Phonics screening test last year and will be resitting this test in the week beginning Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – please help them to succeed by practising at home. 5 minutes a day could really help.

### Topic Detectives

9 out of 31 pupils in Class 3 submitted Topic Detective homework before the holiday. A big well done to everyone who completed it. Can we beat our best ever number of entries (19) before the Summer holiday? Please see the attached sheet for ideas about what we are learning this half-term and help us to have many more entries by the next deadline - **Monday 16<sup>th</sup> July.**

### Water bottles

Water improves concentration, learning, health, wellbeing and happiness! Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day, containing only water, especially as the weather is heating up.

\* Please remember sun cream and sun hats. \*

### Fruit and milk

Y2 children are still entitled to free fruit if they would like it. Y3 children may bring fruit from home if they wish. If you'd like to pay for milk, please ask at the School Office.

### PE

Please make sure your child has their PE kit **every day**, including suitable footwear for running our daily mile. Children should have a **change of shoes** for running our daily mile. Your child may miss out on their **green sticker** for work if they don't change their shoes.

Suitable clothing for outdoors PE, such as tracksuit bottoms and trainers, should be in your child's kit.

Shorts/tracksuit bottoms should be navy blue or black and t-shirts should be white.

PE will be on **Friday** afternoons this half-term. Depending on timing, children are often allowed to leave school wearing their PE kit, but if you'd rather your child gets changed back into their uniform before leaving please just let me know.

**Swimming** will continue to be on a **Tuesday** afternoon for **Year 3** children. Please make sure your child has the appropriate kit on a Tuesday. **Year 2 children will need their PE kit on a Tuesday as well as a Friday.**

**Please, please, please** ensure all clothing is named! We still find endless jumpers, t-shirts and trousers that all children deny owning! Class 3 has a pile of **FIFTEEN** unnamed items of clothing, after only 6 weeks in class last half-term.

#### Nut allergies

Just a reminder that there are children in school with nut allergies. Packed lunch and treats for birthdays must be checked carefully to ensure they are **completely nut-free**, especially as one of these children is in Class 3.

#### Personal Belongings

Please encourage your child(ren) to leave their own belongings at home. Phones, money (unless for a collection), football cards, toys, jewellery and stationery items cause a distraction, especially if the item gets lost or broken. Please note that 'Always Children' are allowed to bring a pencil case if they wish, because they have proven that their behaviour is excellent at all times and that they won't be distracted by them. This is at their own risk, as items can still get damaged or lost.

#### Rewards

15 out of 31 children in Class 3 were an 'Always Child' at the end of last half-term, earning their Golden Time and a certificate. This is a slight decrease from the 19 Always Children we had before. Always Children gain certain privileges e.g. permitted to bring a pencil case; their own line at lining up times; entering the classroom first and sometimes sitting on chairs instead of on the carpet.

Here's a reminder about expectations...

Children can earn three green stickers every week for their behaviour, work and attendance. Children who have earned enough green stickers by the end of the half-term become an 'Always Child'.

\* Children are given their green stickers on a Monday for the previous week. Please encourage your child by talking to them about their stickers.

#### How you can earn each of your green stickers:

**Behaviour** – don't earn penalties by making the wrong choices e.g. talking, shouting out, being silly – if you do, improve your behaviour quickly. Children who receive too many penalties will not receive a green sticker for behaviour.

**Work** – children must complete their homework (Times Table Rock Stars or paper equivalent) **and** reading at home by Friday each week, **as well as** doing their best with all of their class work. Children must also have their book bag, Spelling Log (unless they still do phonics) and their water bottle **every day**, have the correct PE kit every day, as well as a **change of shoes** for running daily, have their swimming kit on a Tuesday (Year 3s only) and wear the correct school uniform every day (**please** ensure clothing is named).

**Attendance** – if your child is poorly, please make sure the school office is phoned so that we know where they are. Green stickers are only awarded to children who arrive **on time** when the classroom doors open at 8.50am.

Children are given three chances (e.g. three green stickers not earned) so that children aren't penalised just for being poorly for example, but three chances should be plenty. Please help and encourage your child to earn their green stickers. It is really important to help them to achieve their full potential, and will prevent there being any disappointed children during our Golden Time at the end of the half-term.

#### Visit and Visitors

On **Friday 15<sup>th</sup> June**, visitors will be in school to teach your child about being safe on the road. You should have received a letter last week, with a **consent form that needs returning in order for your child to take part**.

We are hoping to visit the seaside on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> July. You should have received this letter before the holiday.

Please return the consent form and payment as soon as you can.

If you didn't receive either letter, please ask at the school office.

#### Book Fair

There will be a book fair in the school hall after school from Monday 18<sup>th</sup> June – Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup> June. This was very popular last year, so don't miss out! You will be able to buy two books and get a third one free. School will get between 40-60% off a book order, depending on how many books are sold, to help restock and rejuvenate our libraries. Please help us raise funds for new books, whilst buying two books and getting one free for your own children to enjoy.

#### Dates for your diary

\* **Please see the attached sheet for important dates.** \*

*Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any queries. I am always happy to help.*

*Yours sincerely, Miss H. Watson*

