

Class 3 Information 2018/19

Teachers/Support Staff:

CLASS TEACHER: Sarah Healey

Matt Leach (Wednesday PM – PPA)

Mrs.Wolf, Mr.Monk and Mrs.Benson (Teaching Assistants 3 1/2 mornings a week)

Class 3 webpage:

Please visit the class webpage – this is under the ‘children’ tab on the school website. It’s a great place to get a feel for what goes on in Class 3. We will also share photos of the children’s learning throughout the year. We encourage the children to leave comments at the bottom of the webpage that relate to what they are learning about.

Overview:

The school day begins at 8.50am and finishes at 3.30pm. Lunchtime is 12.00-1.10pm. If your child is late then they should be taken straight to the school office to register. **Parents should not be accompanying children to their classroom.** Only school staff or school volunteers are allowed to be within the school building after 8.50am.

Most mornings children have English and Maths lessons. They will often have an assembly as well. In the afternoons we focus on the foundation subjects, Science or ICT for example. Learning is organised into units which are often linked to a termly theme. More about our termly themes can be found on our webpage or curriculum map.

Things your child will need:

Daily: Book bag with reading book, reading journal and water bottle.

Weekly: Wednesdays – P.E. kit (named) which should consist of blue shorts, white tee-shirt, trainers or daps, (plus long-sleeved top and joggers for colder weather). These can remain in a P.E bag on your child's peg for the term. They are also allowed to wear a plain t-shirt in the colour of their ‘house-team’, Homework goes home on a Wednesday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.

Other: A coat in cold weather, preferably water proof - we do try to take the children out for play whenever possible. Please make sure your child's name is in any garment they may take off during the day. On hot days your child should come to school with a water bottle, a sun hat and wearing sunscreen. At Hotwells we carry out a lot of fun art activities - some may be a little messy! Please make sure that this is taken into account when deciding on what your child will wear to school. You are welcome to send in an old shirt for them to wear that will cover their clothing during art lessons. This can remain on their peg throughout the year.

How to support your child's learning:

We encourage all children to read, learn times tables and learn to tell the time on a daily basis at home. Please support your child with their weekly homework task and spellings. Your child may have additional work set e.g. keywords, handwriting sheets, etc. Their main homework task should take them around 45 minutes.

Parental involvement in learning is vital as it helps brings each topic to life. Let us know if you have any relevant experience that you would be happy to share with the class. 'Show and tell' should be topic related. Please help your child in deciding what this might include.

Communication:

If you have any questions regarding your class please ask the class teacher or e-mail us on the school email address. We can also make a meeting slot for you if you would like to see the teacher.

What to do if your child is ill:

Telephone the office on the morning of the illness. For a prolonged period of illness - 3 days or more - please call the office to let us know what is happening. If your child has any creams/medicines to take then please ensure they are given straight to the office staff for safe keeping.

What to do if someone else is collecting your child:

Please tell the class teacher in the morning or telephone the office to let us know who is collecting your child. They will pass the message on to the class teacher.

Class reps:

There are usually two class reps for each year group. The rep position will be rotated around all interested parents and changed each September. Class reps will be able to help you with information about the school in general and they will act as a central point for communication between the class teacher, the PTA and parents. If you would like to be a class rep, please attend one of the PTA meetings. Please note that class reps are not expected to pass on or deal with problems or concerns. These should be taken to the Class teacher directly.

Volunteering for help - how it works and who to approach:

We believe that the children benefit enormously from having the support of enthusiastic adults! If you feel you can become a regular volunteer in our class or help with particular events or activities then we would be delighted to hear from you. Please contact your class teacher.

You can support us by:

- **Hearing readers**
- Cooking
- Sewing
- Sharing a particular skill
- Helping on a school trip

We are all really looking forward to a year full of engaging learning and fun activities. Please don't hesitate to contact the class teacher if you think they need to know any information about your child that may assist them in feeling happy and being successful this year.