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Dear parents/ carers,

Y3 Autumn 2018

I hope you have had a lovely summer and welcome to Year 3! Here is some information for the Autumn Term of Year 3. The children will be taught Monday to Wednesday by Miss McGee and by Mrs Wainwright on a Thursday and Friday. We also have Mrs Hinchcliffe and Mrs Duncan in class to help support your child with their learning.

Children learn better when they are well hydrated, please ensure your child has a bottle in school. Water bottles will be freshly filled each morning so they do not need to go home each night.

We hope to see you at the parent welcome meeting on Thursday 20th September, in the meantime, this letter provides key information, so that you can help us to support your child's learning throughout their year.

PE

Our class will have PE every Monday morning and Friday afternoon.

Our first half term's topic is team games, so children will need both indoor and outdoor PE kit (including trainers) in school on both of these days. After the holidays we will be studying dance, which will take place indoors.

Music

We are fortunate again to be taking part in Wakefield Authority's music programme, which will involve the children learning to play the Djembe Drum. These sessions are led by a teacher from the Music Service. The session will include; singing, learning and creating rhythms and must importantly being able to play as a class. The music service provides the children with instruments, and you can look forward to receiving an invitation to watch our class performance before the Christmas break. Within our sessions we will be learning set pieces for the 'Big Drum' where we will perform with other primary schools at Wakefield Cathedral. Details regarding the Big Drum will be circulated nearer the time.





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Homework

It is hugely beneficial for children to read at home daily or as often as possible. It is essential that your child reads a wide range of books to develop their reading skills and vocabulary. When your child reads with you at home, please write comments about how they are getting along in their reading record book.

Please also read a book aloud **to** your child. It's a great way to share a love of books and model how to read with expression. It will also give you chance to discuss ideas with your child. At the welcome meeting we will share with you different types of questions to ask your child that will help develop their comprehension skills.

Times tables

Knowing times tables facts will support your child in other areas of Maths. In Year 2 the children focused on 2, 5 and 10 times tables. This year we will focus on 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We have regular practice of the times table facts in school, practicing at home will strengthen their recall of the multiplication facts.

And finally...

The best way for your child to learn is for us to have a close relationship and links between home and school. We are delighted to be entrusted with the care and education of your child, so please do not hesitate to see us before or after school or please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

Yours in continued partnership,

Miss McGee & Mrs Wainwright
Year 3 Class Teachers