

# Year 3 Classroom Newsletter

## Autumn Term 2018

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back. We hope that you have enjoyed the summer break and are looking forward to a busy term. A further welcome to new families who are joining us; we hope that your children will be happy and settle quickly. We trust that the following information will be useful as we begin a new academic year.

### Staffing

Teachers for this term will be Bryony Bushell and Simon McGlynn with additional support from Trudy Elliott and one-to-one support from Dawn Sampson and Claire Yarnall.

### Curriculum

We are really excited that, as a whole school, we are starting a new localised enquiry-based curriculum, Curious-city. Our Enquiry this term is *'How do we find out about people in the past'* in which we will be learning about and developing a range of research skills to help us discover more about our local area. If you think that you have any skills or information about local history

that might support our learning, we would love to hear from you!

### Dartmoor Drama workshop

Clive Pig will be spending the day with us on Thursday 27th September and we will be having fun learning stories, myths and legends about Dartmoor.

### P.E./Games

Our P.E. days are Monday and Thursday.

P.E. kit should include shorts, a T-shirt and trainers for outdoor sessions. A pair of tracksuit/jogging bottoms, plus sweatshirt will

also be needed later in the term when the weather gets colder. Please ensure your child's P.E. Kit is in school for each day of the week as occasionally our P.E. times may vary due to events in the hall or lost outdoor sessions due to the weather.

Please could you make sure that all clothing/possessions are clearly labelled. We had a huge amount of unclaimed lost property at the end of last term. Lost items are much

easier to track down if clearly named. Thank you.

### Jewellery

In line with school policy and for health and safety reasons, jewellery is not allowed. However, stud earrings and wristwatches are acceptable, although these will need to be removed/covered for P.E. sessions.

### Homework

Homework will be given out on a Friday, to be returned on the following Wednesday so that it can be marked before the next homework is given out. Homework books will be provided with a clear explanation of the homework tasks to be completed. We will also go through this in class. If there are any problems please come and see us on the Monday or Tuesday where we will be happy to help with any queries. We very much value open communication between home and school and would encourage you to use the reading record books as an additional form of communication. We will take these books in every week with the homework. Therefore, if you write a more urgent message, please ask your child to alert us.

We do appreciate that children have busy lives and from time to time are unable to complete homework set. If this is ever the case just let us know by calling in or by writing a note in their homework book. We do understand!

### Intervention Groups

From time to time we offer the children additional support to enhance their learning. It is not always possible to do this in class time and sometimes intervention groups may take place during assembly time. Whilst we value the daily act of worship held in school, we also recognise the impact that a 20 minute small group session can have. We assume that most parents and carers are happy for with this but if you do feel strongly that your child should not miss the daily act of worship please let us know in writing.

### Break time Snacks

Please could we remind you that fruit will no longer be provided and that you will need to provide either a healthy fruit or vegetable snack for your child on Monday to Thursday with the children having a free choice on Fridays. Children

should not just choose part of their packed lunch for their morning snack. If you are not sure about what to send, please ask. In line with school policy, sweets and chocolate are not allowed at break times.

### Drinks

We ask that children who wish to bring drinks into the classroom bring them in a clearly named bottle and bring only water. The bottle can be refilled in school as the need arises.

### Year 3 Meet the teachers

It was nice to meet so many of you at the end of last term. We will be holding an informal 'meet the teacher' meeting to answer any questions you may have at 9:20am on Thursday 20th September in Mr McGlynn's classroom.

### Help

If you would like to help out in school – e.g. hearing readers, we would love to hear from you. Regular or "ad hoc" sessions would be equally welcomed. No previous experience is necessary. In line with our Safeguarding procedures, we

would have to ask that a DBS check be carried out. Please ask at the office for details and a form.

### Finally

If you have any queries about any aspect of Year 3, please do not hesitate to come and see us. We are usually available before and after school. However, if you feel you may need to speak to us for longer, please let us know in advance to allow us to accommodate this.

May we also remind you that classroom doors open at 8:50am and the register will be taken promptly at 9:00am. Any children arriving after 9:00 will be marked as late and will need to sign in at the school office. Please encourage your child to come into the cloakroom independently as there is very little space and we aim to settle them into their morning tasks quickly.

Thank you all for your support.

*Bryony Bushell and Simon McGlynn*