

# Year 3 Classroom Newsletter

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back and Happy New Year! We hope that the following information will be useful as we begin a new academic year.

### Curriculum

Our Enquiry based learning this term is *'What is underneath our feet?'* We will be learning about rocks, soils, the formation of the Earth and phenomena such as earthquakes and volcanic eruptions. If any of you have any knowledge or expertise in this area, we would love to hear from you!

### P.E./Games

Our P.E. days are Monday and Friday.

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 until the warmer weather begins. 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 only 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.

### Help

If you would like to help in school – e.g. hearing readers, we would still 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 police 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, Simon McGlynn and the Y3 Team*