

## Welcome to Year 3



September 2022

### **Classes 3S and 3W**

Dear Parents and Carers,

First, we would like to say a big welcome back and hope that everyone has had an enjoyable summer break. It has been lovely to see happy smiley children. We have been impressed at how well they have settled into their new classes and routines.

### Routines

One of the main aims in KS2 for our children is to develop greater independence and self-reliance in all aspects of school life including their self-organisation. You can help your child to develop these skills by ensuring that they come to school on time, with **named** uniform and the correct equipment for each day. Children should bring reading books, diaries and water bottles into class.

### Reading books

As in previous years, please encourage your child to read a little every night; recording in the reading diary which pages your child has read. It is good to discuss the content/story with your child to ensure they fully comprehend. Also talk about any new vocabulary. We recommend that children read their book several times to develop word recognition and fluency.



In LKS2, we encourage the children to take ownership of their reading and ask the children to change their books **once a week on a Tuesday**. We also ask that the children record the books they are reading and encourage them to write a short sentence about the book they have read. This could be about the character, or a part they enjoyed or might change, or whether they would recommend it to a friend giving a 'star' rating in the space provided. As we know, our children love to read books they have at home and from time to time we would love for you to encourage them to record these as well.

**Homework** - The children will have spellings, English and a Maths activity to do each week.

### **Spelling:**

All children will bring home spellings to practise. These are based on the spelling patterns that are taught in class. Please practise these words with your children using the 'Look, Say, Cover, Write, Check' method. Children are to write the list three times then write two sentences that incorporate the spellings from their list.



The spellings will be sent home on a Tuesday for the children to practise throughout the week. A sheet will be stuck in their spelling book explaining the different activities.

Spelling books are to be returned on Tuesday in their "school Bag" folder. Dictation, including some of the new spellings and high frequency words, will be done once a week on a Tuesday and new spelling patterns are introduced.

### **Maths:**

Maths homework will be given on a **Friday**. The children should try and do this as independently as possible as it is based on arithmetic skills or work covered throughout the week. Homework is to be handed in by the following **Thursday**.



### TTRS:

Over this coming weeks, we will be giving the children Times Table Rock Stars (TTRS) logins to help consolidate their maths multiplication skills. Please encourage them to access this a few times during the week completing the 'Garage' section.

### English:

English homework will be given on a **Friday**. The tasks will be based on work being covered and will aim to support your child's learning on Grammar, Reading Comprehension, and sentence structure. The homework should be handed in on the **Thursday**.

### P.E

P.E for all Year 3 will be on Tuesday and Wednesday. **All children to please come to school in P.E kits on those days**, instead of school uniform.

All children will need all of their P.E kit named including; dark trainers, white t-shirt, school sweatshirt and black shorts for PE. As the weather becomes colder, children may prefer to wear black leggings/jogging trousers.

### Linking Schools

We are extremely delighted this year to be linking once again with Copthorne Primary school in Bradford and working in partnership with the Linking Schools Network. We will keep you updated throughout the year on the activities and visits taking place.



### Other equipment

It is useful if the children have a named art shirt for the more "messy" activities. This can be kept on their peg.



*Waterbottle* – it is essential that the children are hydrated. The bottle is to be kept in the classroom.

*Coats* - It is always good for the children to have a coat – even a lightweight one in summer as we know the weather can be changeable and the children will still go outside for breaks when it is raining.



We look forward to sharing your child's journey with you. There will be opportunities for you to be part of your child's learning throughout the year. If you need to discuss any issues that may arise, please contact the office to arrange an appointment with the relevant member of staff.

Thank you for your support.

The Year 3 Team