

Hello and Welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have all had a restful and enjoyable summer and are ready for the new term.

Key Stage Two

As the children are now in Year 3 they have also joined Key Stage Two which means the daily time table is slightly different. The children now have a later morning playtime at 10.55 and then go to dinner ten minutes later at 12.10. There is no afternoon playtime for Key Stage Two. Whilst there is no afternoon play we have incorporated some 'Golden time' into the Year 3 timetable. Golden Time is a reward for good behaviour and remembering the Golden Rules, this is independent choosing time when your child may choose to play outside, on the iPads or with a game or their choice for example. We hope this will help with the transition into Year 3 and also promote the behaviour expected within the school.



Topic

The Topic this term is 'Let's Invent'. Within the topic we are learning about different inventions. We will look at where in the world inventions have originated from and when inventions have occurred through time. We are linking our literacy to the topic by reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl, so look out for our own disgusting medicines! The children will also be looking at 'Animals' in Science this term including humans, we will also look at the inventions that have helped us in the medical field. If your child has a favourite animal or book they would like to show and tell they are very welcome to bring things in on a Thursday when we will be doing our science investigations.



Reading

Within Key Stage Two we like the children to become more independent readers and develop a love of reading for pleasure! The children will be given lots of time in class to read and we try to hear individual readers as much as possible. We encourage the children to read and record what they have read at home and during school time independently in their reading diaries. We also have guided reading sessions within class.



Times Tables

Times tables are an important part of the maths curriculum. Please could you support your child in learning these at home. Your child will be introduced to the Year 3 times table challenge soon. This encourages them to be confident in all times tables by the end of the year.

PE

PE is on Mondays and Thursday with Mondays being an indoor session and Thursday an outdoor session with Coach Chris. This term he is focusing on Tag Rugby. After Christmas the class will be swimming on Monday afternoons. PE kits should be kept in school at all times in case timetables need to change. Children should have kits appropriate for both indoor and outdoor sessions.



Homework

Homework will be set on Fridays. This will include weekly spellings and home reading time. There will be a termly project linked to the topic (we hope you are already inventing!) and athletics, reading express and spellodrome homework set every two weeks. Children will be given time within class to access these websites too. If you need any passwords for these

let us know. Children will bring home a homework diary detailing any homework given and there is space for parents to write any comments.

Twitter

Don't forget to follow @year3lea on twitter. We try to update daily and it is a great way to see what your children have been all day. If you have already followed a class before you will be accepted but if you are new to twitter you will need to gain a form from the office to give details of your twitter account.

Pencil Cases

We kindly request that the children do not bring their own pencil cases into school. The children are provided with all the equipment that they need.



Drinks Bottles

Children are allowed water bottles within classroom. Could you please provide a water bottle for your child. We will ensure they are sent home regularly for cleaning!

