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Class 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome back to the new school year. I hope you all enjoyed a wonderful Summer break. I am really looking forward to teaching your children this year.

Just a reminder that the children can be dropped off at school from 8.35am, when they will enter via the cloakroom.

If you are at all wanting to have a discussion about your child/children, I am always available to talk and I truly encourage this. If you are unable to catch me, either put a note in your child's bag, or contact the office to arrange a date and time.

Games lessons this term will be led by a professional coach. We strongly advise children to have a spare pair of socks to change into for games as they can get wet.

(Please make sure children have trainers and PE kit in school Monday to Friday) Games lessons are subject to change.

Forest School will be on Thursdays. Please bring a change of clothes which must include long sleeves and full-length trousers. When the ground is dry, they may wear trainers, otherwise, they must wear wellies.

Swimming is recommencing this term. Letters have been sent.

On Wednesdays, please can swimmers come to school wearing their swimming costumes under their uniform to ease transition into the pool. Please remember to pack underwear to change into after.

The children going swimming will be reviewed. You will receive a letter each term if your child is swimming. Please note you will not need to return a permission slip each time.

Spiceball Leisure Centre have advised us of some specific requirements. Please note the following:

- Boys must not wear loose fitting swimming shorts or trunks – tight fitted trunks only please above the knees.
- No swimming tops to be worn
- If your child requires goggles, Spiceball insists that we must have permission for this, but please be aware that the must be removed for certain activities and assessments. and they must be standard swimming goggles style only.
- Earrings should not be worn to school.

Spellings: Language task linked to Spellings. Children look at Spellings on a Monday based on words generated from the National Literacy Framework and the statutory spelling list for

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their year group, they will contain different letter strings or patterns which the children can further explore. Thank you for your help and support with learning these. Please let me know if you think that your child may need a different list of words for any reason.

Homework (Guidance 20 minutes, plus 15 mins of daily reading)

- **Monday** – Spelling sentences to be completed for Wednesday.
- **Tuesday** – Time to learn spellings for following Monday's test using Look / Say / Cover / Write. Spelling tests will be on Monday and self-assessed before being checked by myself. Spellings to be recorded in Homework Books.
- **Wednesday** – Maths activity to be completed by Friday.
- **Thursday** – Children to practise their times tables ready for Friday. To be recorded in books.
- **Friday** – Topic research/reading comprehension to be completed by Monday.

In addition, the following may also be given, from time to time:

- Topic related research
- Science activities
- DT modelling

The children are asked to complete their homework in their yellow Homework Books, which travel between home and school each day. This provides you with ongoing feedback about your child's progress. Similarly, you will also be able to access their spelling books each day, so you can see their new words and check on their progress in their weekly tests on Mondays. Please make any notes in their Homework Books to share with me.

As part of the children's development and maturity we often use peer marking where children initially review/mark each other's work. This is then always checked by a me or a member of staff. If you need to write a note about homework, please pop it in the corresponding Homework Book.

Homework Diaries:

We have the system of using homework diaries in school, which works really well. The diaries are needed in school each day. The children will fill this in each day and you are asked to sign this at the end of each week. These will be checked on Mondays. Target Cards will come home of a Friday.

Reading Journal:

Please continue to check and sign the diary each week. Children are free to write and record their own progress in their reading diaries.

Reading Challenge:

In the back of the Reading Journal is the Reading Challenge Form. Each time your child reads for 15 minutes, either to an adult or independently, please tick the corresponding day. When all 5 days are ticked and the week signed, children will receive a sticker.

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Targets:

We are continuing with our target system. Children will have target cards for Literacy and Numeracy. They will be awarded their certificate as they achieve their targets in our award assemblies. The target system is as follows:

First target	1 target
Bronze	10 targets
Silver	25 targets
Gold	50 targets
Platinum	70 targets

Future Dates/Events:

We would really like to see you at some of the forthcoming award assemblies, as your child achieves their certificates and other school events.

Thank you for your support for all that we are doing to develop the children's learning.

Many thanks,

Karina Bell
Class 3 Teacher

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