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To Parents/Carers of Children going into Year 3 Blyton and Dahl in September 2020

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are looking forward to your son/daughter joining Year 3 in September, and we know that they are excited to start coming back to school.

With two classes in Year 3, the intention is for both classes to work closely together when planning and developing lesson ideas/activities. The topics for termly study and home learning activities will also have the same learning objectives to avoid confusion across the classes.

Here is an outline of the topics that Year 3 will be covering this term and some important information you may wish to note.

Autumn Term

Science: Forces and Magnets, Skeleton Movement

Art: Drawing and Painting skills

Design and Technology: Party hats, pop up cards and junk modelling

Personal, Social, and Health Education
Families and friendships: Feelings and emotions, Valuing difference, Beat the bully

Mandarin: Introduction to the Chinese language and culture

Religious Education (RE): Hinduism, Sikhism and Christianity

Music: Creating and performing simple rhythmic patterns

Geography: Investigating our local area

History: Stone Age, Bronze Age, The Iron Age (Celts)

Physical Education: (P.E) Outdoors and Swimming

Computing: How computers work? Algorithms, Programming, Debug programmes, Robots

PE

For the Autumn term, children are expected to arrive wearing their standard kit on their class PE days. They will remain in their kit for the remainder of the day. This term outdoor P.E. will be on Tuesday and Wednesday for Blyton and Wednesday and Thursday for Dahl. Children should have the **correct standard PE kit** with **sweatshirts** and **navy joggers** for when the weather becomes colder. Please can you ensure that all items of PE kit are **clearly named**, including trainers and plimsolls.

Swimming

The UK is slowly easing its way out of lockdown measures in the wake of the coronavirus pandemic, As you may know we were due to be using the new swimming facility at Braywick, which is still due to open. They are working closely with local authority partners to establish which sites and services can be opened safely and will communicate any changes. Further details of the swimming days and cost will follow in a separate letter.

Reading

Reading is a vital skill that will support your child throughout his/her life. For this reason, daily reading is necessary to ensure that fluency and accuracy develops, whilst fostering a love for reading and books. We are changing our daily reading system during the coronavirus pandemic. Your child will be coming home with a **reading book three times a week**. The yellow reading record booklet will remain at school in the interim and a record of home reading will be kept up to date by the class TA. Reading books need to be brought into school on a **Monday, Wednesday and Friday**.



Numeracy

In Year 3 there is a focus on children memorizing their 2,3,4,5, 8 and 10 times tables. They receive Bronze Award when they are able to recite 1 x through to 12, Silver Award for reciting out of order and Gold Award for reciting the tables in and out of order and solving word problems using the corresponding multiplication and division facts. Please help your child with daily practise and let us know when they are ready to be tested by email.

Spellings

Each Monday morning, in Literacy, the class will be taught a different spelling rule or pattern. This will involve the children working in smaller ability groups and practising writing selected groups of words using the Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check method. A copy of the spelling sheet used in these lessons will be sent home each Monday in your child's book bag, to allow continued practise of the words at home. The sheet also gives space at the bottom for your child to compose sentences that show they understand how to use the words in context. Weekly spellings will always be tested a week later during Monday's spelling lesson.

Home Learning

Each child has been given a 'Home Learning Journal' which lists weekly tasks that the children should complete. The tasks usually involve research linked to topics being studied in class. These are designed to be open-ended, in order to allow individual children scope to explore their own ideas and present them in their own way. Many of the tasks invite parental support and this will be especially necessary at the start of the school year where the children will probably need guidance reading texts, using the internet and laying out their work. The local library is a very good place to visit should you require books and information. In the case of research, there is scope to take longer, should parents so wish. The task should be done independently where possible, in a quiet place, free of distractions. The suggested time taken on each piece is approximately 30 minutes.

As we do not want things to be brought in from home, we will initially ask parents to email photos or project work they have completed at home so it can be discussed and shared in class.

Stationery and Toys

Each child will be provided with school equipment from the classroom resources. Children will have an individual plastic wallet which they will keep their equipment in and this will remain in school. Toys and personal items should not to be brought in from home.

Trips

Current Government guidance is clear that school trips will need to be cancelled or re-arranged for the immediate future. If the government advice changes, then we will contact you.

Class Funds

Voluntary Class funds of £3 per term are always greatly appreciated. The funds are spent on resources that benefit the childrens' learning and enhance aspects of the curriculum.

Lunchtimes

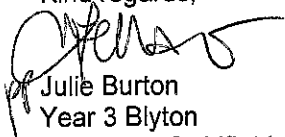
Lunchtimes will be staggered and Caterlink will be providing Grab Bags until at least October Half Term, when this will be reviewed. Please place your order in the usual way via the Scopay website, making sure to choose one of the Grab Bag options which appear at the bottom of the page.


Lunch Money: Transition from KS1 to KS2

Just a reminder to parents of children in Year 2 that the Universal Free School meals only applies to Key Stage 1, therefore from September you will need to pay for your child's school lunch via Scopay. The cost of meals will be £2.07 from September.

Should you have any concerns/queries about any points raised in this letter, please send us an email. We hope your child has a very happy and successful time in Year 3.

Kind regards,


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