



Oldfield Primary School

Bray Road, Maidenhead, Berkshire, SL6 1UE

Telephone: 01628 621750

Website: www.oldfieldprimary.com

Headteacher: Mrs Catherine Page



2nd January 2024

To Parents/Carers of Children in Year 3 Orcas and Dolphins

Dear Parents/Carers,

We are really pleased with the hard work and great attitude all of the children have shown since starting in Year 3. We appreciate all of your support too so thank you.

Dolphin Class are excited to welcome Mrs Kenny to our classroom this term. Mrs Kenny will be carrying out her trainee teacher placement and will be teaching alongside Miss Bett for the Spring term.

PE

For the Spring 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 for both classes. Indoor PE will be replaced by swimming. Both classes should wear their PE kit on a Friday as it is easier to get changed for swimming. Please see the swimming letter with details on what to bring in for swimming. Children should have the **correct standard PE kit** of a t-shirt and shorts (with **sweatshirts** and **navy joggers** if the weather is colder). Please can you ensure that all items of PE kit are **clearly named**, including trainers and plimsolls.

Reading

Reading is a vital skill that will support your child throughout their life. For this reason, daily reading is necessary to ensure that fluency and accuracy develops, whilst fostering a love for reading and books. Your child will be coming home with a reading book and a yellow reading record booklet. The comment section should be filled in by you regularly, as you hear your child read or supervise their reading at home. **Children should be reading to an adult at home at least three times a week.** Both the reading book and record booklet need to be brought into school every day for morning reading sessions.

Additional activities that your child may wish to complete alongside their reading:

- Book reviews
- Design a new front cover and synopsis for your favourite book
- Write an alternative ending for a story
- Research the author of your book
- Create a newspaper report about an event that happens in your book
- Investigate a subject you have read about using a search engine
- Find out what your family's favourite books are.

Maths

In Year 3, there is a focus on children memorizing their times tables. Please help your child with daily practise using games, songs and the Times Tables Rockstars app. The children have also enjoyed using other websites such as Hit The Button. Please see the link below:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>



Healthy School

Spellings

Each Monday morning 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 the Friday before to allow practise of the words at home. Your child can also compose sentences to show they understand how to use the words in context. Weekly spellings will be tested on Thursday.

Handwriting Pens

As your child is now in Key Stage 2, we do encourage the use of handwriting pens in lessons during the Spring term. Handwriting pens should be named. Please make sure your child has a spare pen as well.

Stationery and Toys

Each child will be provided with school equipment from the classroom resources. Children may bring a pencil case with colouring pencils, scissors, glue stick, etc. Toys that are brought into school should only be the size of the child's hand.

Home Learning

Home learning should be completed each week and handed in to the teacher on Monday. We have tried to choose activities that compliment what we are learning in school so please make sure your child has the opportunity to complete them by the dates below.

Term 4 will have a focus on reading and times tables to allow parents and children the extra time to practise these skills.

Date to be handed in by:	Activity
08.01.24	History – Write five interesting facts about the Iron Age.
15.01.24	Design and Technology – Investigate different types of pop-up designs.
22.01.24	RE – Read about a miracle that Jesus performed.
29.01.24	Science – Design a healthy meal for a child your age.
05.02.24	Maths – Measure different lengths around the home.

Should you have any concerns/queries about any points raised in this letter, please send an email to the school office.

We hope your child has a very happy and successful time in Year 3.

Kind regards,



Miss Howard
Year 3 Orcas

Miss Bett
Year 3 Dolphins