



Oldfield Primary School

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to key stage 2! We are looking forward to getting to know you and your child in Year 3 and we are thrilled to be a part of their learning journey this year.

We appreciate that the start of term is a busy time for everyone. Please help your child by ensuring they have the right equipment for school and that it is labelled clearly for them. There is a greater emphasis on the children being more independent and taking responsibility for their belongings, this includes looking after their jumper and remembering to bring in their reading record each and every day. We would ask that all coats and waterproof jackets are also labelled with your child's name as these are often the first items to go missing!

What your child will need to bring to school:

- ✓ Pencil case with named stationary
- ✓ Named school water bottle
- ✓ Healthy snack for breaktime in a named container
- ✓ Clearly labelled clothing
- ✓ Reading book and reading record (once they've been handed out).

What not to bring:

- × Toys and other items should not be brought into school. If your child needs a 'fiddle toy' this will be provided through our Inclusion Lead – Mrs Havelock.

Pencil case - Your child will need a pencil case, pencil, rubber and sharpener, as well as coloured pencils or coloured pens if possible. This pencil case will live in their desk in school so it's best if it's not too bulky. In addition, your child will need a name-labelled school water bottle (which can be refilled at appropriate times).

Handwriting Pens - We will gradually encourage the use of handwriting pens in lessons. The children will be allowed to use a handwriting pen when they can control their letter shape and size and are able to join their letters with some accuracy. We will give your child a pen when they are ready.



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Break-time - Children are encouraged to bring-in a healthy snack for breaktime. This could include fruit, vegetables or bread sticks. Please ensure all snacks are clearly labelled or in a labelled container. Children will be encouraged to place their snack in the class tray which will be taken outside during breaktime. This should be in addition to their packed lunch. Please note that all sweets, nuts and crisps are not permitted for break-time as stated in our whole school food policy.

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 Wednesday for both classes. Indoor PE will be on Thursday for both classes. Children should have the **correct standard PE kit** of a t-shirt and shorts (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 so we can quickly reunite owners if items are misplaced.

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. We will listen to each child read and assess where they start within the reading scheme. This may take up to 2 weeks, and once this is completed for every child, we will send the books home for you to enjoy with them.

The comment section within the reading diary, 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 - Developing fluency of the 3, 4, 6 & 8 multiplication tables and their related division facts is a core area of learning in year 3, building upon the knowledge and skills developed in year 2 of the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication facts. We will practise these skills regularly and encourage you to support your child by regularly accessing the TTRS app (<https://trockstars.com/>) as it is brilliant for building and testing their knowledge. To keep up with the demands of maths fluency, your child is invited to continue to use Numbots, which they have used in key stage 1. (<https://numbots.com/>) We will stick in your child's log-in details for these sites into their reading diary.



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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 for some extra practise. Your child can also compose sentences to show they understand how to use the words in context. Weekly spellings will be tested on the following Wednesday morning.

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.

Best wishes from The Year 3 Team.

Miss Howard
3 Orca Teacher

Mrs Hellmuth – 3 Dolphin Teacher
Mrs Parnell – 3 Dolphin Trainee Teacher
Miss Smith – 3 Dolphin teacher and
assistant headteacher

Mrs Kilbane
3 Orca Teaching assistant

Mrs O'Sullivan & Mrs Bhogal
3 Dolphin Teaching assistants

