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Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

We hope that you had a lovely Easter and didn't eat too much chocolate! The Year 3 team are looking forward to a new and hopefully sunny half term! As always, we are here to support you and your child. This letter sets out the expectations we have as a year group team, as well as highlighting events we have coming up this half term. As we approach the last term of Year 3, we will be continuing to encourage the children to become more independent in their learning, organising themselves and taking responsibility in preparation for Year 4. We kindly ask for your continued support with this.

Curriculum

| Subject | Unit |
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| Mathematics | Fractions Shape Time |
| English | Text - Robin Hood and Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx Narrative Recount Playscript |
| Science | Plants: Plant reproduction |
| History | Life in Ancient Egypt |
| Music | How does music make the world a better place? Recorder |
| Computing | Creating Media: exploring text and images |
| Art | Craft and Design: Ancient Egyptians scrolls |
| DT | Moving Mechanisms: Pneumatic devices |
| PSHE | Being my Best! |
| MFL | Colours, Hair, Eyes, Body parts, Numbers 1-31, Months, Birthday number, Birthday month |
| RE | What faiths and beliefs can be found in your community? |
| PE | Indoor: Net and Wall Games Outdoor: Athletics |



Dates for your diary

There are a number of key dates in place for Year 3, please ensure to keep a record of these.

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| Monday 13 th April | Back to School |
| Monday 4 th May | School Closed - Bank Holiday |
| Friday 8 th May | 3R Class Assembly |
| Friday 22 nd May | 3G Assembly |
| Friday 22 nd May | Break Up for May Half Term |
| Tuesday 2 nd June | Back to school |
| Wednesday/Thursday 17 th / 18 th June | Shakespeare Workshop |
| Week Beginning 6 th July | International Week: One World Many Cultures |
| Thursday 16 th July | Blakehill's Got Talent! |
| Friday 17 th July | Break Up for summer |

Attendance and punctuality

We would like to emphasise the importance of excellent attendance and hope that you and your child will make every effort to make sure that you are on time and ready for the school day.

Our school day begins at 8.45am each day. Your child can come straight into school through their Key Stage door which will be open from 8.40. This is so they can have time to organise their coats and have a softer start to the day. We will greet them at their classroom door. We ask that children are in school promptly in order to settle them with their peers for the day and maximise learning time.

Homework

Homework will typically be set on a Friday. The homework provided is given to support and consolidate pupils' learning from that week or a previous week. It is used to help build your child's quick recall of this knowledge. At the moment in maths, 2, 5, 10, 3, 4 and 8 times tables are the focus. By this point, your child should have quick recall of all these times table facts. Homework will typically include: half termly Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) in Mathematics, a weekly spelling list and home reading (as often as possible).

Spellings

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. These spellings will cover the Year 3 spelling curriculum. Spellings set have been learnt and explored in class the week before. Your child will have learnt the meaning of any prefix or suffix and spotted tricky parts of a word. It is important that pupils are learning their spellings and we ask that you support your child with this. We recommend that these are practised at least 3 times a week.

Home Reading

In Year 3, children are typically given daily opportunities to change their reading books and we encourage them to start being independent in doing this. It is essential that your child reads as frequently as possible to build their stamina for reading and we are looking for children to read at least three times a week at home - this should be recorded in their home reading record wherever possible. Every time your child reads and records this in their reading diary, they will receive a house point and this will be recorded on their home reading chart.

PE

Indoor PE: this takes place on a Wednesday morning. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this as we are experiencing lots of missing items. The kit includes: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue shorts (tracksuit bottoms are also permitted) and black pumps.



Outdoor PE: this takes place on a Monday afternoon. It is important that children have the correct, named kit for this as we are experiencing lots of missing items. The kit includes: a white or blue plain t-shirt; black or blue tracksuit bottoms; a plain black or blue sweatshirt and a pair of trainers.

PE kits should be brought into school in a named pump bag that can be left in their cloakroom. This can then be taken home at the end of the week.

Water Bottles

To enable your child to have a drink of water we would encourage a named water bottle be brought into school. As we are approaching summer, your child will be given the opportunity to refill these during the day. Try to ensure your child's bottle is of the non-spill variety. Bottles should be taken home daily to be cleaned wherever possible.

Snacks

As a 'Healthy School' we encourage the children to make healthy choices at playtimes and lunchtimes such as fruit, cereal bars and so on. Due to children with allergies, please do not bring in nut-based snacks.

Uniform

Please ensure that your child has the correct uniform (named so that it can be easily returned if lost), including black school shoes. If your child does not have suitable black school shoes, they will be given black pumps to wear throughout the day inside. Children can wear trainers at play times and lunch times but these must be changed back to school shoes ready for returning to lessons. Pupils are also required to wear a school tie with a white shirt or polo shirt. Children in Key Stage 2 should have a cardigan or jumper.

As we approach the summer weather, please keep an eye on the forecast and send your child into school with a named hat and wearing sunscreen when appropriate. Whilst we do the best we can to provide shade for the children to play under, in the hot weather, a hat will be extremely beneficial.

If you do have any questions, queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Year 3 team.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team

Mrs. Roberts and Mrs Grattan (Teaching Staff)

Mrs Walker and Mrs Howell-Gott (Teaching Assistants)



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