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Dear Parents / Carers / Guardians,

Welcome back to Year 3! 

Monday 30th October 2023

We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing half-term break. As always, the Year 3 team 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 lots of the exciting learning activities happening this half term. Just like last half term, we will be encouraging the children to become more independent in their learning, organising themselves and taking responsibility. Throughout the year, we ask for your continued support with this.

**Curriculum**

| ***Subject***  | ***Unit***  |
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| Mathematics  | Addition and Subtraction Multiplication and Division  |
| English  | Poetry: Shape poetry and calligrams: The Iron Man Narrative: Classic texts: The Iron Man Non-Narrative: News reports: The Iron Man |
| Science  | Forces |
| History  | Local History: The Industrial Revolution in Bradford |
| Geography  | Coastlines  |
| Music  | How does music bring us together? What stories does music tell us about the past? |
| Computing  | Stop frame animations  |
| Art  | Pencil drawing Textures Painting |
| DT  | Bookmarks  |
| PSHE  | Valuing difference Differences with friends and families Differences within our community |
| MFL  | Numbers 1 – 20 Age Pets Family |
| RE  | What is spirituality and how do people experience this? |
| PE  | Indoor: Target Games Outdoor: Invasion Games |

 

**Dates for your diary**

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

| **Wednesday 8th November**  | School disco 5.45pm - 6.45pm |
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| **Friday 10th November**  | Bradford Industrial Museum trip  |
| **Friday 17th November** | Children in Need Day |
| **Tuesday 21st November**  | Parents evening  |
| **Wednesday 22nd November**  | Parents evening  |
| **Monday 11th December** | Y3/4 Cinema visit |
| **Tuesday 12th December** | Y3/4 Christingle 10am |
| **Wednesday 13th December** | Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day |

**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. The children will line up in the playground when the bell goes at 8:45am, ready to start their morning task. The school day finishes at 3:15pm, exiting out onto the top playground.

**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 check understanding of topics covered and helps us identify areas of learning that need further development. Homework will include: half termly Key Instant Recall Facts (KIRFs) in Mathematics, a weekly spelling list and home reading (whenever possible).

**Spellings**

Spellings will be set on a Friday and tested the following Friday. These spellings will cover the Year 3 spelling curriculum. It is important that pupils are learning their spellings and we ask that you support your child with this.

**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. 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. We understand that parents/carers/guardians live busy lives but any time you can spare to listen to your child really would be extremely beneficial.

**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. 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.

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. Scott, Mr Duffy (Teaching Staff)

Mrs. O’Brien, Mrs. Howell- Gott (Teaching Assistants)

 