



April 2022

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the start of the Summer term. We hope that everyone had an enjoyable Easter holiday. As the precautions around covid are relaxed we are excited to be able to return to the more normal classroom. However, Mrs Arnold will as ever keep you informed of all that is going on, and of any changes.

Please find attached an overview of the main topics and subjects we will be covering in Year Four this term, as well as a copy of your child's timetable.

Staffing:

As you are aware, Mr Arrowsmith continues to suffer with long covid and other associated illness. We are delighted that Mrs Connell remains part of the year three team at this time working alongside Mrs Blackmore and Mrs Wilson.

We are excited that Mrs Murrell joins us as an LSA and will be working alongside Mrs Miles supporting Year Three.

Mr Morgan and Mrs Twiggs will provide PPA cover for teaching.

Uniform:

It is lovely to see all the children continue to look smart in their school uniform. **Please could you make sure that all items of clothing, including shoes, coats, PE kits and plimsolls, are named.** Full school uniform is to be worn every day. Please ensure suitable length skirts for girls, ideally to the knee. We have a no jewellery policy. Stud earrings may be worn, but must be removed or covered with tape during PE lessons. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish is not permitted in school. Children with long hair need to wear it tied back and it should be of a natural colour.

On the days the children have PE, we are now asking that the children continue to come in dressed in their PE kit. This helps to minimise the number of things the children have to bring in to school. **PE will be on a Wednesday (Willow), Thursday (Poplar) and a Friday for both Year Three classes.**

Kit List:

- Plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts.
- A jumper - this can be their school jumper or a plain black or navy sweatshirt with no logos if preferred
- Trainers or plimsolls

(A plain dark tracksuit may be worn in the colder months)

Please make sure the children bring their coats to school, even on a sunny day.

Reading

All children will continue to bring back a library book of choice and a reading or AR book to read at home. The AR book also needs to come to school every day as there will be times when the children have a reading session. In Year Three we reward children for frequent reading at home as we feel this is particularly important for their progress. We will continue to use the home school diaries provided in September. These diaries will be looked at daily, any information can be written in for the teachers to see, or alternatively you can email us on the emails below.

Homework:

This will be handed out on a Thursday and collected in the following Tuesday. In Year 3 children will now be given spellings and multiplication tables to learn every week. They will also be given an English homework book and will be asked to complete activities, linked to their learning in class. Maths homework this year will be set through the website www.mymaths.com. The main Maths and English homework activity will be set on alternate weeks starting with the online Maths activity on the first week.

Whilst multiplication facts (times tables) will be practiced during the school week we also encourage the children to continue to practice their facts using the Times Tables Rockstars website at home (www.ttrockstars.co.uk). The children's login details have been written in their home school diaries.

Medication:

We can only administer medication to your child with parental consent. All medication for children should be prescribed by a doctor (including sore throat sweets) and left in the office where the appropriate forms should be filled in.

Communication:

Many of you will be able to chat to us at pick up but we know that for some that is not possible. We realise that there are things that you may wish to discuss and you cannot always get to pick up, so please do get in touch either by e-mail or by telephone. Please can you also make sure that your current details are up to date with the office so that we are able to contact you should we need to.

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We are looking forward to a busy term and thank you for your continued support with all the changes we are having to make.

Mrs Blackmore, Mrs Wilson, Mrs Connell and Team Year Three ☺