

# Winkleigh Primary School

## Year 3 – Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! It was lovely to see the children on the transition days to get to know the structures and routines of Key Stage 2. We will be holding our Year 3 welcome meeting in the Year 3 classroom on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> September at 3.30-4.00pm, we look forward to seeing as many of you who can make it.

The children will continue to arrive between 8.45-8.55am at the gate. They then line up on the playground before being greeted by an adult from our class. Once they are in the classroom, they store their **bookbags**, drinks bottles and lunchboxes. We do not have space to store rucksacks in the cloakroom. The children no longer receive a free **snack** now that they are in Key Stage 2. They may bring a fruit snack for break time if they would like. The children are regularly reminded and encouraged to drink throughout the day and have opportunities to refill their bottle.

After their early morning task, we begin guided reading. Every child will read with an adult at least once a week. They each have a plastic wallet with their library book, superstar reading record book and their guided reading book. This should go between home and school each day as the children read regularly, independently and with adults. The impact that reading at home has on your child's progress is invaluable. The children can earn dojo points for reading out of school and reading records are checked on their guided reading day.

In **English**, we are beginning the year by focusing on the text 'Lord of the Forest' by Catherine Rayner after a short unit about Mary Anning. This is followed by sequences based on 'An Interview with a Tiger', 'Gregory Cool' and 'Mog's Christmas Calamity.' During these units, we begin to introduce the key Year 3 grammatical concepts.

**Maths** this term, starts by studying place value of 3-digit numbers. After this, the children will extend their understanding of addition and subtraction, before moving onto multiplication and division. We continue to build on the learning that the children acquired during Key Stage One.

The children have their **PE** sessions on **Monday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. The children should come to school wearing their PE kit, consisting of a navy blue hoodie, black shorts or joggers and black trainers. The children may also wear trainers each day as we frequently use the daily mile track.

In terms of supporting your children with their learning at home, reading is crucial. I will also send home a list of **spellings** for each half term. This will contain two lists for each week, the children need to learn the test words (the first list). They may also like to learn the challenge words to extend their learning, however this is optional. It would also be beneficial to begin some times table practise at home as this hugely supports the children with their mathematical understanding. We will also begin the **Around the World** times table challenge on a Thursday, later this term.

This term, Year 3 will study **Science, Geography, History, Art, D&T, ICT, PE, RE, PSHE, Music** and **Spanish**. The details of the sequences can be found on the class page of our website. The subject overviews contain the learning objectives, key vocabulary, prior learning and where this sequence fits in the children's journey through the subject. These overviews will also feature at the start of the sequence in the children's books and files. They will be familiar with the information that they contain and would provide a useful prompt for conversations at home.

Our trips this year will include Exeter, Kents Cavern, RHS Rosemoor and Taw Bottom for camping! More details to follow as these are finalised.

We are pleased to reintroduce class cake stalls, the Year 3 stall will be on Friday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We ask for you to have a go at baking some cakes, biscuits or sweet treats and send them in. We then run the stall at the end of the day, for all to buy- it provides valuable funds towards our class trips.

It has come to our attention that more and more children have access to the internet independently at home. There has been a particular increase in children watching YouTube. Without supervision, it is possible to view very inappropriate content on this site. Please refer to the online safety pages on our website should you require support or guidance with this matter. There is a copy of our safe usage policy as well as a sheet for parents with lots of useful information on it.

Please can we ask that if your child goes home on the school bus, you inform the office via a phone call or email should your child NOT be on the bus for some reason to avoid any confusion.

If you have any questions about anything regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please email [admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk](mailto:admin@winkleigh.devon.sch.uk) and we will try to get a reply within 48 hours.

Kind regards,

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