

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3 children,

Welcome to Year 3 and we hope you had an enjoyable summer! Our topic for Autumn 1 is 'Where Does Our Food Come From' and has a geography focus. In Autumn 2 our topic is history-based and takes us from life in the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

We would like to invite you all to a **Welcome Meeting** on the **Friday 18th September at 8:40am** where we will explain some of the changes to your child's school experience and there will be an opportunity to ask the teachers some questions about the year ahead.

Homework: The children will continue to have homework once a week which will focus on spellings and times tables. We will send home a spelling activity from Spelling Shed, focusing on the Year 3/4-word list. We expect the children to practise the spellings online using the Spelling Shed website. We will also let you know your child's login information for the Times Tables Rockstars website. We would really like to encourage the use of Times Tables Rockstars at home as well as in school. The programme adapts to each child in order to develop their speed and knowledge. 5-10 minutes 5 times per week would see great progress with this essential element of maths. Homework shouldn't be a source of grief or stress. If you are having problems with this, then please do contact us.

There is a video on the maths section of our website which has more information about getting the most out of TTR and how it can be adapted to suit your child.

PACT (Parents and Children Together) bags: All children will receive a PACT and reading record where they can log the book they are reading. These PACT bags should be returned to school every Friday so we can see how they've been getting on and change their book. Some children will continue 1:1 reading with an adult at school, if this is necessary for your child.

Parent Times:

3S Monday 3.45pm – 4.15pm

3C Monday 3.45pm - 4.15pm

If meeting at these times is not convenient for you then please contact the school office to arrange an appointment.

PE and Dance: Both Year 3 classes will have PE lessons on **Tuesdays**. **3S** will have Dance on **Fridays** for this half term. (Dance lessons will swap each half term).

Headteacher: Cassie Moss

Please make sure your child comes to school wearing clothing suitable for sports on PE/Dance days. We will also be doing extra running sessions (Daily Mile) on other days of the week so please make sure your child is wearing appropriate footwear for this every day.

Music: Ben will continue to teach Music this year. In addition, both classes will have recorder lessons. The recorders will be provided.

Swimming: We are still waiting for confirmation about the dates for swimming sessions. We are hoping to have our sessions next term and will get back to you as soon as we know further details. The sessions are an hour long and will take place every day for two weeks.

Class Assembly:

3C: Wednesday 21st October 3S: Wednesday 18th November

Water: Please send your child in each day with a labelled water bottle that they can take home each day to be cleaned.

Medicine: If your child requires any medicine (e.g. inhalers and EpiPens), please ensure that you provide the school with two sets; one for the classroom and one for the medical room.

Visits: We will be going on a visit to **Hampstead Heath Education Centre** date TBC.

We are really looking forward to getting to know you and your children!

Best wishes,

The Year 3 Team:

Celia Dubner (3C), Stephanie French (3S), Sandra Kasenzi, Toni Young, Ana Diaz Barroso (PPA cover teacher), Andrea Littlewood (PPA cover teacher)