

Dear parents and carers of year 3 children

As your children start in year 3 here is some information which we hope you will find useful. Some of it you may be familiar with from previous years at the school and some is new for year 3 or this school year. If you have any questions or concerns please speak to your child's class teacher.

Reading books and reading logs

Please hear your child read as often as possible during the week. Every time you hear your child read please record this in their reading log; for each day they receive a comment they will receive a Dojo point with certificates awarded for reaching 100, 150, 200 and 250 Dojo points. We will try to hear every child read twice a week in school, and the reading logs will be checked for Dojo points on a weekly basis so please keep them up to date. Children are responsible for handing in their logs on a specified day in their class. If they don't do this the Dojo points will not get added that week but will have to wait until the following week. Books will be changed in school weekly (Leopard Class on Tuesdays; Polar Bear Class on Fridays). Children who are free readers will only be allowed to choose 1 chapter book which they are expected to read all the way through. When they have finished the book and completed a book review, they will be able to choose a new book (templates can be found in reading logs). Please ensure your child has their log and their reading books in school every day.

PE Kits

Year 3 PE is on Wednesday afternoons and we will be doing indoor and outdoor PE every week. Please ensure your child has both an indoor (T-shirt and shorts) and outdoor (tracksuit and plimsolls/trainers) PE kit in school every day. PE kits will be sent home every half term for washing.

Newsletters and other printed information

Newsletters will be given out in class or placed on your child's desk at the start of the day. It is the children's responsibility to ensure any letters get put in bags to go home. Please check your child's bag regularly to ensure you stay up to date. Children will be reminded to empty their trays at the end of the school day but if you think you may have missed a letter, please ask your child to check their tray or check the school website for copies of newsletters.

Naming clothes

Please name all clothes that your child wears to school, including PE kit. As you can imagine, there are lots of red and grey cardigans and jumpers, grey trousers, ties and school dresses in every class and it is extremely difficult to find the owner of an item of clothing without a name. Lost property is in the hall.

Snacks

If your child would like a snack at breaktime please send them with fresh fruit, vegetables, or dried fruit, naming any containers if necessary. Crisps, biscuits and fruit bars are not an appropriate morning snack but may be eaten at lunchtime as part of a packed lunch.

Times Tables

Secure knowledge of times tables facts is a very important foundation for maths, so in year 3 children will be having a times tables challenge each week where they will have 2 minutes to answer 20 multiplication calculations. In order to progress onto the next times table, they will need to get at least 15 calculations correct. Please support your child in being confident in counting in and working out answers to 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables which they should already know from year 2. Later in the year we will be learning and introducing 4 and 8 times tables to the challenge.

Thank you for your continued support.

The Year 3 Team