



4th September 2017

Dear Parents, Carers and Children

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a good break. We would like to welcome Miss Maitland to our classroom team and are all really looking forward to working with her; Mrs Mayhew and Miss Pope complete the Year 3 team. This year will be a challenge, especially the BIG move from KS1 to KS2, and we will be encouraging your child to become very independent. There will be a focus on taking responsibility for themselves; their actions and behaviour, as well as their belongings and classroom equipment. We will also be embracing an ethos of TEAMWORK, where we all *“work together to learn together”*.

In terms of curriculum learning, we ask that you please keep practising times tables; regular rehearsal really builds fluency. Learning to tell the time is another mathematical concept that can be a difficult area for children to master, but one which you can practise lots at home. Also, talking through money and change when you are out and about is very useful. As many things are now paid for with a debit card, children are not exposed to real money, meaning they are less familiar with the coins and notes that we use.

Children are encouraged to read as often as possible, with an ideal minimum of five times a week. Please still try to find time to read together, even though your child is older and possibly an able reader – discussing a book and finding meaning at various levels is invaluable. When you read with your child please remember to complete their reading record.

If your child would like to bring in a snack for break-time, please send in fruit or vegetables - NO nuts though please.

Our PE lessons will be on Mondays and Thursdays. Please ensure that all uniform is labelled and is in school on these days. We will be outside for most of our PE learning, so please make sure that your child's PE uniform contains a plain tracksuit.

Essential items required:

Indoor PE kit – Plimsolls/trainers, PE shirt and shorts
Outdoor PE Kit – Trainers and a tracksuit, all in a named bag.
Water bottle with a name on it
Current Reading Book

Please can I ask that children bring in a small pencil case, containing:

A 30cm ruler
2 pencils
Rubber
Hand writing pen (if you have a pen license)

We are all very much looking forward to this new school year. The Meet the Teacher session is scheduled for Wednesday 13th September 2017, so I look forward to meeting you then.

The Year 3 Team - Mr Mitchell, Mrs Mayhew, Miss Pope and Miss Maitland