

**Autumn 2020**

Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome to Year 3! We are really excited for the year and have lots of interesting topics planned as part of our 'glittering curriculum'. This year we are focussing on our mental health and wellbeing. We will explore how to be a good friend and neighbour to those around us as well as ways we can overcome adversity.

This term will be exploring the Stone Age. We will consider how people lived and compare their ancient world with our modern one. We will also look at the topic of Light and Dark in Science. We will be carrying out scientific enquiries through asking relevant questions, comparing answers and setting up fair tests. All learning is cross curricular, for example, the theme of Light will also appear in our RE lessons in which we will be asking what the significance of light is in religions around the world. Please refer to the topic web for further information on this term's learning.

You will be able to view photos of children's learning and keep updated with any information you may need via ClassDojo. Please also feel free to direct any questions or messages you have for us regarding your child's learning through this ClassDojo too.

### **Core Subjects**

During this term, we will concentrate on the recovery curriculum, addressing any gaps in children's learning and ensuring that children have a deep understanding of previously taught content so that they will be able to progress successfully into our exciting Year 3 curriculum.

We will make sure to contact parents if we have any concerns that could affect your child's progress.

### **Reading**

We will assess your child's reading and comprehension at the beginning of the term. Children should be reading at home for approximately **20 minutes per night**, this should be recorded in their reading records. Please ensure that your child has their reading book and record with them in school **every day**. If children choose a reading book from school, we will change books once a week (every Friday) to allow for adequate time in the quarantine book-box.

### **Physical Development & Outside Learning**

It is important that children have their school PE kit (including trainers) in school (in a drawstring bag) with them each week. Our PE lessons are on Monday and Thursday afternoon.

Visits to the garden will be taking place, however, we will inform you when they will be happening via ClassDojo. On any visits, children will require a waterproof jacket and wellington boots or a hat and sun cream.

### **Reminders**

➤ Please ensure that your child brings their book bag and a water bottle to school every day. Please ensure that all items of clothing, including PE Kits, are **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

- Please ensure your child has their hair tied back and that they are not wearing jewellery.
- Please ensure that your child has a jumper and waterproof jacket in school.

Finally, we would like to say thank you to all parents for your support and patience as we commence the new school term. Together we will work to ensure a happy and positive environment for the children at school.

Kind regards,

**The Year 3 Team:** Arabella Lopez (Velvet Class Teacher), Brendan O'Brien (Silk Class Teacher)