

WELCOME TO YEAR 3

6th September 2022

Dear Parent and Carers,

We are really excited to be welcoming you to Year 3. We hope this letter will answer some of the questions you might have about the new academic year.

The Year 3 team this year consists of:

Willow Class: Mrs Rogers, Mrs Luxton, Mrs Avery and Mrs Haynes.

Beech Class: Mrs Wilson, Mrs Vivian, Mrs Findlay-Wilson, Mrs Gorman and Mrs Biggs.

Sycamore Class: Mrs Edwards, Mrs McFarlane, Mrs George and Mrs Rickards-Flynn.

We hope that your child will find the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 a happy, rewarding experience and that they will continue to take every opportunity to build upon their learning.

Year 3 arrival time at school is 8:40am. Please enter through the kitchen school gate and onto the Year 3 playground where a member of Year 3 staff will collect and escort or direct your child to their class.

Collection for Year 3 children is at 3:10pm from the same place.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, a message can be left by contacting reception if it is urgent, or you can use the class email addresses below:

willow@wrpschool.org

beech@wrpschool.org

sycamore@wrpschool.org

The most important aim for the start of term is to get all children feeling happy, safe and secure back in the school environment. There will be a focus on providing the children with a broad and balanced curriculum with an initial emphasis on providing opportunities to develop their emotional well-being and to provide plenty of physical activity. We will be taking the time to get to know the children and allow them the time to get to know us and any new routines as well as their new classrooms.

Throughout the Year 3 curriculum, **English** plays a major part. During daily English lessons, your child will be extending their language skills in spelling, sentence structure, grammar, punctuation and handwriting, alongside reading for enjoyment and information. They will also be consolidating, extending and applying their spelling strategies. In Year 3, we have various intervention programmes in place to help children with their learning. We will contact the parents/carers of the children involved to explain their role in supporting these initiatives. There will be a daily **Maths** lesson for all children as well as weekly times table practice.

In Year 3, each half term the children will take on a different character to fit in with our learning. During the first half term our topic is 'We are Pirates of the Caribbean' where children will talk and write about desert islands, pirate adventures and create dens. After half term, 'We are Volcanologists' where we study Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Tsunamis. We will be using Pompeii as a historical case study. Our learning

for this half term is outlined on the topic overview sheet and will also be displayed in each of the Year 3 classrooms.

Home Learning will continue to be set on Seesaw. One activity will be spelling based and the children will be tested each Friday morning on their weekly lists. These spellings will be set at the appropriate level for your child. The other activity will be either Maths or Topic based. We will start Home Learning on the 16th September.

Reading for children will continue to be at a level appropriate for their needs. Children will be bringing home a book at the level they were assessed at the end of Year 2. During the year children will be assessed regularly and will receive appropriately levelled books. They will work towards gaining certificates and rewards for every milestone achieved as follows:

10 books = Bronze

20 books= Silver award

30 books=Gold award

40 books= Platinum award

50 books =Pencil and bookmark.

60 books = A book.

Children have the opportunity to change their books every day. It is important that children read quietly to themselves as well as continuing to read aloud to an adult.

We have an exciting range of PE opportunities this term. In Year 3 we would like the children to keep their PE kits in school. This is because our PE days may change and there may be extra opportunities for sessions throughout the week. All PE kit and uniform (particularly jumpers or cardigans, ties, shirts/dresses, trousers and coats) must be clearly marked. In addition, please provide your child with a long sleeved top and trousers for our weekly Wild Tribe sessions (these clothes will get muddy so old clothes are ideal).

If possible, please could we ask that children bring in an old t-shirt or shirt or apron to school. Some of the artwork we do in Year 3 can sometimes be messy!

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team.