



Information for Year 3 Parents

Dear Parents/ Guardians,

We would like to welcome you as new parents to the Orchards and hope that your child has settled in well. We thought it might be helpful to give you a little bit of information to make the transition to Junior School even smoother.

Communication

We have a fantastic website which is regularly up-dated in order to help keep you informed of school events. Communication is very important to us, although we might not see you personally each day, you can leave a message with the front office if you wish to discuss something personally. Alternatively you can write a note and put it in your child's book bag. We will often be available to speak on the gate when you come to collect your child.

Any letters that are given out will be put in the children's book bags. You can also check our website.

Any letters that request payment or reply slips please ask your child to give these to the class teacher.

This week and next week only we will bring the children out on to the playground slightly earlier than our 2:45 finish. Look for your child's teacher and 'bug' sign.

Homework

Spellings are given out at the beginning of each term in a booklet and are tested each Monday. They are taken from the National Curriculum and children are expected to know all spellings by the end of Year 4. Please keep spelling books safe! The 'Look, Cover, Say, Write, Check' columns are for the children to practice at home.

Nectar Points - Year 3 - Literacy Homework

Children will be given 6 pieces of homework each half term. 2 Basics linking to SPAG, 2 Pre-learning and 2 Creative.

- ◆ Basics could be a grammar / spelling activity
- ◆ Pre-Learning could be linked to spellings / sentence structure or to the topic being studied
- ◆ Creative projects could be over 2 weeks and may involve other aspects of the curriculum.

Each child will have a card in school which will be stamped once homework has been completed for that week.

Cards need to stay in school and are for teachers use only.

The expectation for all children is to spend at least a half hour per week on Literacy homework. Children may choose to present some pieces of their homework in alternative ways, especially during the pre-learning weeks. For example, they may want to make a video or a Powerpoint rather than writing in their Homework Book.

Hopefully children will achieve all 6 stamps. Golden time is awarded at the end of each half term.

Reading

We have many opportunities in school for reading and would like to extend this to home too. Your child will be given a Reading Log and Book Bag to record the frequency of their reading and any areas for development. Children who collect signatures over a week will receive a raffle ticket which will be entered into a Year Group draw each half term. Reading logs need to be in school on a Monday to enable this.

Maths homework is set on line using MyMaths and links to topics covered in class the previous week. Your child will be given details of this once they are in their Maths set. They will have a unique 'log in' to access their homework which will be in a couple of week time. Please take time to explore the MyMaths site as it has some fantastic games and revision sessions.

Homework projects may be set each term. These are more creative and give a wonderful opportunity for you to work in partnership with your children over a longer time.

Clubs

We offer a huge variety of clubs before and after school. Club letters will be sent home shortly with the necessary information attached. Look out for this in your child's book bag.

Lost Property

This can be extremely frustrating for parents and we will do our best to ensure your child keeps their belongings safe. Please support us by labelling all clothing, including ties, with your child's name and class. I'm sure you will appreciate how difficult it is to reunite children with their property if it is un-named.

If your child does misplace something there are lost property places located by the year 3 door and outside the P.E. changing rooms.

Snacks

We are encouraging children to bring a "Healthy" breacktime snack. Fridays can be "Treat" day as an incentive for the rest of the week.

P.E. Days

All children will be given a P.E shirt. Please - please name it.
P.E. will take place for each class on the following days.

3 Cherry - Mrs Harrocks	Tuesdays and Thursdays
3 Larch - Mrs Williamson	Tuesdays and Fridays
3 Maple - Mrs Morgans-Mills	Mondays and Wednesdays
3 Poplar - Mr Hall	Wednesdays and Fridays
3 Willow - Mrs Kingsbury	Mondays and Thursdays



Many thanks for your ongoing support.

If you do have any concerns or questions please don't hesitate to talk to the class teacher or Mrs Harrocks our Year 3 Leader.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team

