



Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

September 2019

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you and your family had a happy and relaxing holiday together and that everyone is safe and well. As a staff team, we are really looking forward to an exciting year which we will outline in the Y3 Parent Curriculum Meeting on Thursday 12th September at 7.00pm.

Curriculum

At the meeting, you will be provided with an outline of the year 3 curriculum for this academic year. A brief overview and timetable for this term will be emailed to you for your information.

Reading

Reading has an incredibly positive impact on your child's education and development. This key life skill, when learned and enjoyed at an early age, will improve your children's independent writing, expand their vocabulary, broaden their viewpoint on life, improve their concentration and expand their imagination. For these reasons, we would ask that you devote a little time each day for reading together with your son or daughter (approximately 15 minutes). Whatever form these sessions take: whether you share a book, take it in turns to read, listen to your child read or you are there to pose questions about what has been read, this is one of the best ways you can help your child. Please ensure your child completes their reading record on a daily basis with comments about the book s/he is reading.

At the Curriculum Meeting, a selection of generic questions will be given to all parents, which can be used when reading with your child. Furthermore, you will find some suggested reading books for each year group on the website.

Spelling

We really value your support in helping your child to learn the spellings which they bring home on a weekly basis. Opportunities are given during the school day for the children to learn these spellings, either on their own or with a 'spelling buddy'. We encourage you to check that your child is completing these weekly spelling sheets and rehearsing their new words each evening ahead of their spelling tests they will receive in class.

Mathematics

Learning key facts such as number bonds and times tables are essential to support your child's development in mathematics. Please ensure that your children are accessing Timetables Rockstars on a daily basis for a minimum of 10 minutes to aid their fluency.

Children will be provided with targets based upon the school's non-negotiable expectations. At the Curriculum Meeting a sheet will be given to you with some suggestions on how you can help your child achieve these targets.

Religious Education and Worship

This year we are excited to continue with our new school values. These are: friendship, thankfulness, kindness, **forgiveness**, respect (for the environment), service and peace.



Each year group has been allocated with a spiritual value. During RE lessons and Class Worship time, children will have the opportunity to learn and reflect upon their value using a range of resources, such as Biblical stories and verses, world news and events, and personal experiences.

The children will also be encouraged to take ownership of their year group value by thinking about how it could be implemented into the school and wider community. The spiritual value for Year 3 is Forgiveness.

Games & PE

Year 3 children will have PE lessons (indoors in the hall) every week (3H Monday, 3K Wednesday) and swimming every Wednesday until Christmas. Please ensure that your child comes into school dressed in their sports kit on those days.

Homework

Homework to be given out on Monday and collected back in on the following Monday. We make every effort to keep this consistency so that families can plan their homework support.

- Reading book – 15 mins/day
- Spelling – x 10/week – Effective spelling/grammar strategies (includes individualised spellings)
- Maths – fortnightly rotation – Schofield and Sims/Mathletics
- Maths fluency: Times table work, number bonds, division work

Ongoing online Homework

Spellodrome - targeted spelling activities, Mathletics, Timestables Rockstars

Timetable

Please see attached for a copy of your child's timetable for autumn term.

Equipment

Children can bring in pencil cases which contain pencils, a handwriting pen, rubber, pencil sharpener, highlighters and a glue stick. No other equipment is required.

Morning Clubs

We will be running morning and in-school clubs to ensure rapid and sustained progress for all children. We will use on-going data to select children for these support groups. You will be informed by letter if your child is required to attend a group. If you have any queries or worries about this, please do contact your child's class teacher.

Communication and Dates

You will find a summary of dates attached. FYI: 3H assembly: 19th March; 3K assembly: 30th April.

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or just want a quick informal chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with any of us. Catch us in the playground or email us:

This year, we will be operating a new emailing system in which you can email all of the teachers in the year group team:

Year3@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk

With very best wishes to all of you,

The Year 3 Team