

## Building Each Other Up in Love and Learning

Friday 8th September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you and your families have had a restful break over the summer period and that your children are ready and keen to start their first academic term in Year 3! As a staff team, we cannot wait to get back to teaching the children and enjoying this journey with them together.

### Reading

It is impossible to over emphasise the positive impact that reading has 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 child. 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 flourish as a learner!

**Reading records will be provided in Week 3. Please can you ensure that your child's reading record is signed every evening by a parent or guardian. Children should be reading at least 20 minutes a day.**

### Accelerated Reader

The website to log on to is: <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/6712885>

The child's user name comes from the initial of their first name and then the first 4 letters of their surname.

Eg: Michelle Dang would be mdang

### Spelling

We really value your support in helping your child to learn the spellings which they bring home on a weekly basis. The CUSP scheme is helping us to support the children in their application of their spelling across the curriculum. We encourage you to check your child's understanding of homework past and present to support us in checking that their learning is being cemented.

**Spelling homework will be provided later during the term.**

### Times Tables Rock Stars

The website to log on to is: <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

The child's username is their surname with a capital letter. All children have been given their passwords confidentially.

**Please encourage your child to complete at least 15 minutes of TTRS each day.**

### Google Classroom

The Year 3 Google Classroom will be a hub for everything the children need to support them with their learning this academic year. Please encourage your child to check this frequently to ensure they utilise all of the resources there. Children have joined their new classroom in school already and have all secured access to this.

### Homework

Homework will be set on a Monday and will need to be completed by the following Monday.

### PE and Games

Our PE and Games are as below. Please may we ask that children attend school on these days in their St. Stephen's PE kit with spare trainers in a separate bag in case of wet and muddy weather. A waterproof jacket and a water bottle should also be available at all times in school but specifically on these days.

- Thunberg - Monday (PE)
- Thunberg and Mandela - Wednesday (Games)
- Mandela - Tuesday (PE)

If your child has a sports club before or after school, they **must** change into their school uniform when it is not PE or Games days. **School uniform includes school shoes and not trainers.**

### Communication and Dates

As always, if you have any concerns, worries or just want a quick informal chat, please do not hesitate to get in touch with either of us via the [year3@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk](mailto:year3@st-stephens.richmond.sch.uk).

We very much look forward to the academic year ahead!

Kindest Regards,

Miss Downes and Miss Dang