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St. Anne's C.E. Primary School



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and Year 3! Your children have settled in nicely and have been working hard alongside myself and our TA, Mrs Peairs. Here are a few things to note about what happens in Class 3.

New routines

The children in Class 3 will keep within their own bubble and will have a staggered start and finish time (8.50am to 3.05pm) entering/leaving through the outside classroom door. They will be allocated a time/place for morning play time and dinner time and will not mix with other classes. Pencil cases and equipment will be provided so the children should not bring anything else in to class. Children will wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer and be encouraged to keep socially distanced where possible.

Curriculum

At the start of term we will assess the children to see how they are doing in English and Maths. We will revisit and consolidate the Year 1 and 2 key objectives in lessons and introduce the new learning for Year 3. Catch up interventions will be time-tabled to help children with any gaps in learning.

PE- We do PE each week and it is led by Mr Bland on a **Tuesday** afternoon. **Children should come to school on Tuesdays in PE kit.** Fitness related activities and non-contact sports will take place in Autumn term.

Swimming- Children usually begin their swimming lessons in Year 3 and these take place on Fridays. When it is safe to resume, you will receive information about this nearer the time.

Water/Snack- Please send your child with a named water bottle and fruit snack (if required) each day.

Star of the Week- A certificate will be sent home on Fridays with the class 'Star of the Week'

Brachi the Dinosaur is our class mascot. Each week, Brachi goes home with someone for a visit. This is an opportunity for your child to share the things they enjoy doing at the weekend with the rest of the class and we ask that your child writes something in Brachi's diary about the things they have done together. **Hopefully it will be safe to resume sending Brachi home in the future.**

Homework

- Reading- Please encourage your child to read at home and if possible ask them questions about what they are reading. This will help them when they come to do their quiz on Accelerated Reader. It is really important that children bring their book to school every day so that they can develop their reading skills during our daily reading sessions.
- English/Maths- Each week, children will be given one piece of English or Maths to complete in their homework books. Please use pencil and encourage your child to present their work neatly and carefully. Thank you. Homework will be given out each Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday.
- Spellings will be given out on Mondays and tested the following week. We will work on Times tables: practising the 2, 5 and 10 times tables from Year 2, then introducing the 3, 4, 8 times tables for Year 3. Please help your child to learn and practise their spellings/ tables facts. Thank you.
- Homework Grid activity- The grid will be found in the front of the English homework book and children can pick from a range of activities and complete one activity per fortnight.

If you have any questions, concerns or wish to share any information about your child, please feel free to speak to me after school or email me at e.bennett301@durhamlearning.net .

Many thanks for your support.

Mrs Bennett & Mrs Pears

