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St. Anne's C.E. Primary School

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school and Year 3! Your children will be working alongside myself and our TA, Miss Turnbull. Here are a few things to note about what happens in Class 3.

New routines

The children in Class 3 will arrive between 8.45 and 9am on a morning and leave at 3.25pm. They will enter/leave through the outside classroom door following the one way system around school. They will have morning play time and dinner time on a designated part of the school yard. Pencil cases and equipment will be provided but the children can now bring a school bag and PE kit which can be stored in the new cloakroom. Reading bags and books can now be brought in to class and changed more frequently in the Library. Children will continue to wash hands frequently, use hand sanitizer and be encouraged to keep socially distanced from the other classes.

PE- We do PE each week and it is led by Mr Bland on a Monday afternoon. Children no longer need to come to school dressed in PE kit. The children can change before the lesson and should keep their PE bag in school all week to ensure they are always able to fully participate in any additional lessons. Please ensure your child has appropriate indoor/outdoor kit and trainers/plimsolls so they are able to join in safely. Kits can be taken home over the weekend for washing. Tag Rugby will take place in Autumn term.

Swimming- Children will hopefully begin their swimming lessons in Year 3. The lessons are planned to start after Christmas (Fridays) and 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. Free fruit is not provided for the Junior classes.

Star of the Week- A certificate will be sent home on Fridays with the class 'Star of the Week'. The school newsletter will provide further information.

Brachi the Dinosaur is our class mascot. Each Friday, Brachi will go 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. They may include photos etc in the diary if they wish. Please return Brachi to school at the start of the week so we can read his diary and get him ready to go back out with the next person later that week.

Show and Tell: On Friday afternoons the children have the opportunity to bring something in to share with the rest of the class. Celebration Assemblies are also back on Fridays, so they may wish to share a particular achievement (eg. swimming certificate) with the whole school.

Homework

- Reading- Please encourage your child to read at home and if possible ask them questions about what they are reading. This will help to check their understanding and will be useful for those doing a 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 Friday and should be returned by the following Wednesday.
- Spellings will be given out each week and will be tested on a Monday. Later in the year, we will focus on Times tables and will revisit the 2x, 5x and 10x tables then learn and practise the 3x, 4x and 8x tables. 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 us after school or email e.bennet301@durhamlearning.net n.turnbull300@durhamlearning.net

Many thanks for your support,

Mrs Bennett & Miss Turnbull