



Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter 2019

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you are well rested and ready for an action-packed year. The children have already settled well into their new classrooms and KS2 routines. We are starting off our new school year with a 'Take One Scientist' week. Year 3 will be focusing on Mary Anning, an English fossil collector, dealer and paleontologist as the basis for all our learning.

Planner: Please take a look at the new Planner provided for the children this year. If you haven't done so already, we would be grateful if you could go through the Home-School Contract at the beginning of the Planner with your child and sign it. The planner will also be used as a form of communication between school and home. When writing a note to the teacher, it is the children's responsibility to make the teacher aware of the message.

Home Learning: Home Learning is set for the children on Friday and is due in by the following Friday. It will be found online via **myuso** – please use the same password you were given in Year 2. Where work is not visible when logging in, please ensure that you select "all" from the drop down menu as this will show you all home learning set rather than that which is due in that particular week.

Reading: Children are expected to read at home every day and record this in the Reading Diary section of the Student Planner. Please add a comment and sign in the space provided. Your child will shortly receive their new Reading Passport. Please support them with choosing books and learning an appropriate poem for them to share with the class.

We warmly welcome volunteers to read with the children. If you are available to help in the afternoons, please let us know. Thank you!

PE: Throughout the year we urge the children to ensure that they have the appropriate clothing in school at all times. We would recommend that children have a green track suit, particularly during the winter months. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed, as part of the health and safety policy. Your child will also need a pair of trainers in school at all times. As well as wearing them for outdoor PE lessons, they will be taking part in a daily run to increase their fitness levels and concentration. Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school every day.

Year 3 will have PE on the following days:

- Wednesday and Friday

Uniform: Please ensure all items of clothing, including your child's PE kit are named.

Library: The children will visit the school library once a week on the following days:

- 3 Holly: Friday
- 3 Elm: Tuesday

Handwriting: This will be a focus in Year 3 as the children work towards their pen licence. Once the children have successfully earned their licence, they will be given a Stabilo handwriting pen to use.

Educational Visits: As part of our 'Rocks' Science unit, we will visit the Natural History Museum on Tuesday 8th October. More information will follow shortly.

Parent/Teacher Meetings: Meetings will be held on Wednesday 16th and Thursday 17th October.

Thank you for your support,
Mrs Myles and Mr Walker