

Friday 5th September

Year 3 information letter

Welcome to Year 3!

It has been lovely getting to know the children this week. We are really looking forward to teaching your child this year and would like to share some key information that we hope you will find useful.

This year's classes:

- **Lilac Class** – Mr Dean
- **Hazel Class** – Miss Gover
- **Other adults supporting in Year 3** – Mrs Motton, Mrs Pryke, Mrs Oliver

Dojo & Communication

We will keep you updated throughout the year via **Class Dojo**.

If you would like to discuss your child's learning, please contact us using the class emails:

- lilac@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk
- hazel@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk

These accounts are checked 2–3 times a week, so please allow a little time for a response. You are also very welcome to speak to us directly at the classroom door in the mornings or afternoons.

Homework

Children will receive weekly homework every **Wednesday**. This will include:

- one maths activity
- one spelling activity

Homework should be handed in **no later than Monday**. Any online homework will also be checked on Mondays.

Home Reading

We expect all children to read regularly at home. The minimum expectation is **three reads per week**.

- Reading may be independent or shared with an adult.
- Each session should last around **15–20 minutes**.
- Please record all reading on your child's **Boom Reader** account.

Teachers will check Boom Reader every Monday and will regularly review children's reading levels to ensure they are on the correct books.

Uniform

Please make sure your child is dressed in the correct **Sandford school uniform**:

- Jewellery is not permitted (other than small stud earrings).

- Watches may be worn, but not if they have messaging, phoning, gaming or photography functions.
- Long hair must be tied back.
- Extreme hairstyles, hair colouring, nail varnish and make-up are not permitted.

PE Days

PE days for Year 3 are **Thursdays and Fridays**. Children should come to school in the correct PE kit on these days:

- White school logo T-shirt / plain white round-neck T-shirt
- Black shorts / plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings
- Black hoodie or sweatshirt (no logos)
- Trainers or black plimsolls

Curriculum

Alongside daily Maths and English, children will enjoy a broad and balanced curriculum across all subjects.

This term, our main focus areas are:

- **History** – Stone Age to Iron Age
- **Science** – Rocks and Fossils

Please keep an eye on Class Dojo for updates on topics and key learning across the year.

Trips & Visits

- **22nd September** – Spark VR History Workshop (in school)
- **3rd February** – Egyptian Day (children to come dressed in Egyptian-style costumes)

Further details will be shared nearer the time, along with information about other trips and events.

Meet the Teacher

We will hold a voluntary **drop-in session** at the beginning of September (exact date TBC).

This will include:

- A short presentation about Year 3
- An opportunity to meet the team, say hello, and share any important information about your child/family
- Time to ask questions

No appointment is necessary – please just come along.

We are certain your child will have a wonderful and successful year with us in Year 3.

Kind regards,

Miss Gover and Mr Dean

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