

Friday 20th September 2024

Year 3 Information Letter

Welcome to Year 3!

We are really looking forward to teaching your child this year and would like to give some key information that may be useful to know.

This year's classes will be:

Hazel:

Teacher: Miss Gover (Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays); Mrs Dowthwaite (Thursdays and Fridays.)

Teaching assistants: Mrs Motton.

PPA Cover: Mrs Motton and Mr Dyke.

Lilac:

Mr Gale

Teaching assistants: Mrs Peckham (1-2-1) and Mrs Derham (1-2-1).

PPA Cover: Mrs Motton.

Dojo:

We will keep you informed of any key dates and reminder through Class Dojo. If you would like to discuss your child's learning, please contact the team through our new email correspondence, which is lilac@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk and hazel@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk. In case of an emergency, or administrative enquiries please contact the school office email office@sandfordprimary.dorset.sch.uk and mark for the attention of your child's class teacher.

Uniform

At the end of the Summer term, you should have received an email on Wisepay, regarding our policy for school uniform. We would ask that children wear their school branded jumper/cardigan with white polo shirt with a black pinafore dress /trousers /shorts /skirt. Alternatively, girls can wear their yellow gingham summer dresses. Children should wear black school shoes (no trainers please) and we would ask that hair that goes past shoulder length should be tied up. No jewellery is permitted aside from simple stud earrings or a watch.

Homework:

Children will be set weekly homework **every Wednesday**. This will include maths challenges and occasionally some phonic or spelling focused tasks. Homework is to be handed back in the following Mondays.

Home Reading:

We would expect all children to be regularly reading at home throughout the year. The more reading they complete at home, the better! The minimum expectation is 3 reads per week, each 10 minutes in length. Details of home reading should be recorded via your child's BoomReader account. Children can read to a parent/guardian or older sibling, or alternatively read by themselves at night time. The book does not have to be a school

bookband book, but can be a book chosen for leisure. We really want to encourage the children to read for pleasure this year.

Times Tables Rockstars (TT Rockstars) and Numbots:

During the year, children will partake in regular TT Rockstars and Numbots practice at school. Any additional practice they can do at home on TT Rockstars and/or Numbots will be beneficial. Look out for TT Rock 'Battles of the Bands' throughout the year. We will be introducing Year 3 to TT Rockstars within the next few weeks.

PE Days:

PE Days for Year 3 are **Wednesdays and Fridays**. Children should come dressed in their correct PE kit on these days.

Correct PE kit is:

- White School Logo T-Shirt / White round neck T-shirt
- Black shorts / Black Tracksuit bottoms (no logo's) /black leggings
- Black Hoodie/sweatshirt (no logos)
- Trainers / Black Plimsolls

Curriculum:

As well as daily Maths and English lessons, children will encounter a broad and balanced curriculum encompassing all curriculum areas. Our main focus for the first term is Pre-History, which will include rocks and fossils in Science and the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in History. In the Spring term, we will be covering Landmarks of the World as well as the Ancient Maya. Finally, in the Summer term, we will be focussing on Weather and Climate, as well as a focus on Plants in Science. For other curriculum areas, please keep an eye on Dojo for messages and information throughout the year regarding current areas of study / focus.

Trips:

During Year 3 we are planning some brilliant trips, and experiences within school to enhance the children's learning. No dates have been set in stone yet, but we will let you know when we can. We will also endeavour to be mindful of the current cost of living when planning our trips.

Meet the Teacher:

For year 3, we are offering a voluntary, informal drop-in session on **Monday 23rd Sept 3:15pm-3:45pm**. This is an opportunity to say hello, share any information about your child / family that you need us to know and to ask us any questions. There is no need to make an appointment, just simply turn up within the time window.

We are sure your child will have a wonderful year at Sandford with us in Year 3.

Kind regards,

Mr Gale, Miss Gover, Mrs Dowthwaite and the rest of the Year 3 team.

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