



Dear Parent and Student,

I firstly want to say how delighted I am to welcome you back to school! Your child has made an excellent start to Year 3 and I am very much looking forward to teaching them this academic year! It is so nice to have some normality back after what has been a challenging time! We are going to have a brilliant year and we have lots of exciting topics to get our teeth into!

I do understand that you may want to discuss something with me or have a question which you'd like to ask me. After school is much better for me as I can give you more of my time. In the morning we are asking parents to drop their child off on the main playground to encourage independence and for safeguarding reasons. Can I politely ask you not to come under the sheltered area. If it is urgent then please go to the school reception where a member of staff will come and get me. My email address is [dlake@educ.somerset.gov.uk](mailto:dlake@educ.somerset.gov.uk) Please feel free to email me if this is easier. I will answer your email between the hours of 8.00am and 5.30pm.

- ✓ We have PE on a Monday morning (everyone) and Wednesday afternoon (half swim/half PE). Could I ask that your child arrives at school in their PE kit if they have PE and remain in their kit all day. If they are swimming then they come to school in their school uniform. An email has gone out about when your child is swimming. **Please note that there has been a change to the timetable so you should have received a revised email!**
- ✓ Please could your child have a water bottle for class which is full up ready for the day and goes home each night.
- ✓ We are really trying to encourage healthy eating and ask that a piece of fruit is brought in for morning snack. I would love Class 3 to lead on this and set a good example to the rest of the school!

### Homework Expectations (Meaningful, Manageable and Motivating)

Your child will work really hard in school and for that reason we want to set a realistic amount of homework. Homework will be as follows:

Reading-daily reading of their reading scheme book. Please could you sign their reading logs as these will be monitored and prizes given for exceptional logs. Two books will be given on Monday and need to be returned when finished. They can return one book for us to replace even if they haven't finished both. Your child will soon be able to choose a book from the library AND I obviously encourage your child to use Bug Club! Bug Club will also be set for homework on occasions.

Spellings-Spellings go out on a **Tuesday** and the activity needs to be completed and returned the following **Monday**. The spelling test will be every **Tuesday**. It really helps if you could take out any old spellings and keep these in a separate folder at home. Throughout the year we revisit spellings from previous weeks so it's a good idea to check whether your child can still spell the word.

Mathletics-This site is fantastic and I would encourage your child to go on it at least two or three times a week. Certificates are awarded in assembly! Please practice times tables with your child. Ask them about the table tennis game we play in class...you could challenge them!? By the end of Year 3 children should know their X2, X3, X4, X5, X8 and X10. Times Table Rock Stars is a very good resource (I'll set up login details soon) and your child will sometimes come home with their Times Table Olympics to practice.

### Learning in the Autumn Term

I have also provided a Yearly Overview so that you can see all of the topics which we study throughout the year. Please keep it safe as you may want to take books out of the library or visit certain places in preparation for the learning.

Subject	Topics
RE	Creation x 5 weeks, Prayers, Saints & Feasts x 4 weeks, Advent x 4 weeks
Literacy	Story with a familiar setting Non Chronological (leaflet for Watchet) Play-script Information Text (Link to Ancient Egypt)
Numeracy	Place Value Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division
Humanities	England, Coasts, Counties (Local-South West) Egyptians-Why did the Ancient Egyptian Civilisation last so long?

The lovely Mrs Rolf will teach your child on Wednesday morning so I can carry out duties relating to my role as Assistant Head.

Your support is vital to ensure your child is happy and reaches their full potential. Please do not hesitate to contact me if you have any concerns or worries. It goes without saying that I want your child to really enjoy their learning in Year 3.

Mrs Carter, Mrs Thomas and Miss Mac Connell are the wonderful Teaching Assistants who work with your child in Year 3!

With very best wishes for a fabulous year,

Mr Lake

P.S Please, please could you provide boxes of tissues.

Please, Please can you label every item of clothing!