September 2020

Dear Parents / Carers,

A very warm welcome to the new school year, I hope that you have had a peaceful summer. For those I have yet to meet, I would like to introduce myself as your child’s new class teacher and inform you of some important information about the year ahead. I am really looking forward to working with all of the children in class 3 whilst building positive relationships with them.

Class 3 will be supported by both Mrs Parison and Mr Dimes who are equally looking forward to working with your children over the coming year.

Understandably, both children and adults may be feeling somewhat apprehensive about the return to school after such a long time off but I would like to reassure you that the safety and wellbeing of your child is our priority.

Your child will likely notice a difference between KS1 and KS2. Do not worry if they seem to be finding things a little tricky at first - they will soon get used to the new routines and challenges. One of the biggest changes will be the levels of independence expected for children in KS2.

**Christian Value**

The Christian value that we will be focusing on this term is ‘thankfulness’ and as a class, we will be thinking about the different ways that we can show our thankfulness, what it means to be a thankful person and how we can be more thankful.

**Reading**

Please listen to your children reading daily and record this in their yellow reading record. Books will be changed on a Thursday but please make sure that your child brings their books and reading records into school daily.

**Homework**

Homework will usually be set on a Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday at the latest. In addition to the weekly homework, please encourage regular practise of allocated spellings and timetables. It is a curriculum expectation that children should know their 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of year 3. Please guide your children in the completion of their homework as it will support and expand upon the learning that they have been doing within the classroom. It is also a great opportunity for you to stay informed on their development.

**PE**

In class 3, your child will have PE on a Monday and Tuesday and due to the current circumstances, we ask that your child wears their PE kit to school for the whole day on these days.

**Topics**

We will start the year with the Stone Age topic ‘Ages Ago’ and throughout the rest of the year, our main topics will be ‘Rainforest Rescue’, ‘Kingston, Kingston’ and ‘Ancient Egyptians’.

**Water bottles**

Your child may bring in a water bottle each day that can be kept in the designated area of the classroom. Please remind them to collect on a Friday afternoon to take home to be washed and then returned on a Monday.

**Personal Belongings**

Year 3 children will be responsible for looking after their own personal belongings. Please ensure that everything is clearly labelled, including book bags, jumpers, coats, PE kits and water bottles. Please remind your children not to bring in anything valuable to them as things can get lost.

**Google Meet**

This year we will hold the meet the teacher session on line via Google meet on Thursday 10th September at 15:45.

We are really excited about the year ahead and are sure your children will love the many topics covered in Year 3. We are looking forward to meeting you.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank you in advance for your support with your child’s learning and if at any time you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

Kind regards,

Miss Wilson

Class 3