



Year 3 Class Newsletter

Autumn 1



I am delighted to welcome you to the start of the new school year. I hope that you enjoyed a restful summer holiday and that your children are looking forward to the new challenges and excitement that moving into Year 3 brings.

The transition to KS2 is a big leap, particularly as we will be expecting the children to develop their independence even more. I would be grateful if you could reiterate this by allowing the children to come into the classroom on their own and encouraging them to organise their own belongings.

Should you have any questions or concerns please feel free to pop in and see me after school.

Hannah Hawley

Context for Learning

This term, our Big Question is “What made Ancient Egypt the greatest civilisation of its time?” This is a fascinating topic to explore and will enable us to learn to use a range of historical and geographic skills, including learning about chronology, inspecting artefacts, physical and human geography and mapping. We also have the privilege of a visit from the time-travelling detective Prof. McGinty! Literacy and aspects of Maths will also be channelled into this context.



Modern Foreign Languages

The Year 3 class will be beginning to learn French. Learning will be based around building speaking and listening skills, games and songs and simple reading and writing practice. We will also explore French culture.

P.E.

We will be going swimming every Tuesday from 11th September to the half term break. The children must be **in school at 8:20** on these mornings. Please let me know if you will be meeting us at the pool rather than at school.

All children will need goggles in addition to their towel and swimsuit. Please ensure everything is named, as we do share the changing rooms with children from other schools. For the first week only, it would be useful if they can bring an extra towel as they will be waiting on the poolside for slightly longer than normal.

The children will also have a P.E. lesson in school every week so please ensure that their full, named kit is in school all week. Weather-permitting, lessons will be outside, so please provide a tracksuit and trainers.

Music

Music in Year 3 is taught through the Upbeat music scheme, funded by the work of CHIME. Upbeat gives the children an excellent musical grounding, leading up to the Summer Concert!

Reading

In order to make good progress, the children need to read to an adult regularly. We would like them to aim to read at home at least 4 times a week. Please ask your child questions about their reading to check their understanding. Please also sign their reading record every time they read.

Interventions

If we feel that your child would benefit from any extra support during the year, we will arrange for them to take part in some small group work. We will discuss this with you if necessary.