



Dear Children, Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you have had a fantastic summer holiday and we're looking forward to welcoming you all in to Class 3! Mrs Smith will be teaching 4 days a week. Mrs Wilkinson will be teaching the class on a Thursday. Miss Davis is our class Teaching Assistant, who will be in class every morning. Mrs Thomas and Mrs Hunt will also be working with individual children within the class.

Our value for this term is **Generosity** and we begin the year with a whole-school topic, 'We're All One.' Our English lessons in Term 1 will focus on how to plan and edit writing and how to use a dictionary & thesaurus effectively. We will also be reading books around our Science topic 'Light'. In Maths, we will be focusing on Place Value and Addition & Subtraction. Our topic work before half term will focus on the Geography of our local area. After half term, we will be learning all about the Stone Age.

Our **PE day is a MONDAY** – please come into school dressed in smart PE kit.

As it can be tricky to speak to class teachers at the start or end of the school day, please do email Mrs Smith if you need to speak with us for any reason: j.smith@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk.

Home Learning - We want homelearning to be manageable, meaningful and have an impact on children's progress. Home Learning will be set via Showbie (apart from reading). For ease, all assignments are **set on a Wednesday and due in the following Tuesday**.

PLEASE JOIN CLASS 3 ON SHOWBIE www.showbie.com USING THE CLASS CODE 29A3D. If you are new to Showbie, please ask if you need help!

Spellings - Children will bring home a green spelling book. It is important they bring this into school every TUESDAY ready for the spelling test. It will be sent home again once the test has been marked so that you can see how your child is getting on.

Maths – Short, sharp maths tasks will be set each week via Showbie and linked to our learning in school. Responses should be posted online.

Cracking Times Tables - In class, we will be continuing with Cracking Times Tables that the class began in Y2. The children will be tested in school every Thursday. You do not need to practice specific questions at home but please do encourage the use of **www.timestables.com** to learn the facts and **Times Tables Rock Stars** to practise multiplication and division facts with your child.

Reading - Each morning children will hand in their reading records when they arrive at school. Our expectation is that children read a small amount each day: 15-20 minutes is fine. Even if your child is already a free reader, it is really beneficial for them to read to an adult to support with unknown vocabulary and discuss what's happened in the text. We expect every child to record their daily reading, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support them in completing this task each day.

General Reminders...

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 14th September and Wednesday 13th October. Please come dressed in clothes suitable for outdoors.

Last day of Term 1: Tuesday 19th October 2021

AK 150th Anniversary Celebrations: Saturday 25th September – please keep the date free, more information to follow!