



Dear children, parents and carers,

Welcome back! I hope you all had a brilliant summer holiday and enjoyed spending some quality time together. I hope the children feel refreshed after a well-deserved break and ready for an exciting but challenging year in Class 3.

Mrs Hogg, Miss Walmsley and Mrs Thomas are our Teaching Assistants this year and they all have excellent relationships with the children already. Mr Tanner will be teaching Class 3 PE on Monday mornings so please ensure your child comes to school in PE kit (navy blue shorts/skorts, joggers and house colour top only please).

This term our value is 'Generosity' and worship time in school will focus on this. We are starting the year with the whole-school learning metaphor 'Our common home: love your neighbour as yourself.' We will be reading the book 'Dear Earth' by Isabel Otter and considering how wonderful and diverse our world is yet how we are damaging it. We will also be investigating climate change, climate justice and how evenly the world's resources are distributed across continents.

In English we be focusing on the following texts; The Great Kapok tree, Peaboy, The Ice Palace and Pebble in my pocket. The children will be building on their English knowledge and skills previously learnt in Year 2. In Maths we will be focusing on place value with numbers up to 1,000, addition and subtraction and length and perimeter.

### Home Learning

Homework this year will focus on reading and maths. Homework will go out on a **Wednesday** and will be due in on the **following Tuesday**. The first homework of the term will go out on **Wednesday 7<sup>th</sup> September**. Like last year, your child will bring home a Home Learning Book for the homework to be completed in.

### Maths

For Maths home learning, children are expected to complete the task set; this will be related to the work the children have learnt in lessons. The homework will be differentiated and the children can choose the level they wish to complete. Please encourage the children to challenge themselves but to also work as independently as possible.

### Reading

Our expectation is that children read each day for at least 10-15 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily. We expect every child to record their daily reading so that we can keep track of their progress. Please support your child by reminding them to complete this task each day - thank you. There are bronze, silver and gold reading bookworms available to earn so hopefully your child will be earning one in the very near future if they haven't already!

### Spellings

Spellings will work a little differently this year. The children will continue to practise spelling rules in school and build them into their writing (as per the overview and in line with the National Curriculum) but will not bring home spellings to practise for weekly tests as they did previously. We are looking to try and apply their spelling into their free writing rather than just through set weekly tests and really focus on the rules.

### Forest School

Our first Forest School session will be in the afternoon of Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September and I would love to extend the invitation to parents and carers of our Class 3 children. It has been lovely being in class for the last week but I haven't quite had the chance to meet you all. You are most welcome to join us and put a name to a face. Unfortunately, on this occasion we won't be able to accommodate siblings due to the nature of the forest school activities. It would be lovely if you're able to, but not a requirement.

### General Reminders

**Forest School sessions: Wednesday 13<sup>th</sup> September, Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October and Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> November.**

**Please add these dates to your calendar so your child remembers their kit! ☺**

Thank you again for all of your support and here's to a brilliant year!

Miss Skipper