



Dear children, parents and carers,

May I take this opportunity to wish you a Happy New Year! We hope you have had a great Christmas break. We had an exciting, and very busy, Autumn Term and we look forward to welcoming you back to school for Spring Term.

Our values for this term are *Courage* and *Forgiveness*.

In English, we will continue to practise our handwriting and spelling rules. We will be looking at 'The Lost Happy Endings' and 'UG Boy Genius of the Stone Age' as our core texts.

In Maths, we will continue our work on multiplication and division before moving onto fractions in the second half term.

In Science, we will begin by focussing on fossils before then looking at Soils and Light.

In Music, we will be learning to play recorders. Please can your child bring one in from home if they have their own from Year 2, if not, we have a few that we can lend to pupils to borrow. We will have our music lessons on Fridays.

Please see the annual overview for Class 3 which is on the website for further information about this term's learning and the rest of the year.

**Home Learning** - Homework this year will focus on reading and maths. Children should spend between 5-10 minutes x5 a week on Doodle maths. The aim for children is to be in the green zone on the little Doodle petrol gauge on screen. Please note that Doodle is a bespoke learning platform which learns at your child's speed and is tailored to their needs based on the Baseline assessments carried out in class. We would encourage the children Doodle independently if at all possible. Doodle passwords and usernames were given out last year.

**Reading** - Our expectation is that children read each day for at least 10-15 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily (still beneficial to develop fluency, flow and expression). We expect reading to be recorded, either by an adult or child, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please ensure your child brings their reading record to school each day. We like to reward children who have read every day each week by giving them dojos. Those that have read every day for a whole half term get extra play.

**Affordability** - Term 6: Year 3 camp out at AKPS school field. Date TBC. Cost approx. £12

### General Reminders...

**Class 3 Assembly:** Our class assembly is on **Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February (9-9:30am)**. Parents and carers are always welcome to this event - we will be presenting our favourite moments, key learning and possibly even a musical performance...

**PE:** PE will continue to be on a **Wednesday and Friday**. Please can you send your child in full PE kit on that day, each week.

**Forest School sessions:** **Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> January and Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> February (first half term only)**. These dates may be subject to change - you will be notified of this. Please can you send your child into school in appropriate clothing - long sleeves, long trousers, appropriate footwear. Please can you also provide your child with a pair of wellies that they can either keep in school or be brought in, in a named plastic bag.

**Stay & Share:** Class 3 will host their stay and share for parents and carers on Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> March from 9:00-9:30 am. This gives you a chance to look at your child's books and see what we've been learning before Parent's Evening.

**Uniform:** Please can you ensure that each piece of clothing your child wears to school is clearly labelled, to ensure we can return any lost property to the correct child.

**Parent helpers:** We would be hugely appreciative of volunteers to help with reading in Class 3. If you are able to offer any time to hear readers please could you let me know via email ([a.airey@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk](mailto:a.airey@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk)) so we can arrange a convenient time for you to help. Thank you.

Miss Airey & the Year 3 team