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Year 3 Autumn 1 2024 Magic and Tricks



Dear Parents,

Welcome back after the long break and we hope that you have all had a lovely summer! We are very much looking forward to the exciting and busy year ahead. In this letter we will outline some key messages including PE and library days; our expectations with regards to home learning and reading and we will inform you of our curriculum coverage for this half term. We are always happy to support you and your children over the year and we will always be available on the playground before school and after school if you have any messages or questions.

Maths - Number and Place Value. Addition and Subtraction.

English - Character description using The Twits as our text and some instruction writing to teach others how to make our incredible potions using the text: George's Marvellous Medicine and then some poetry work around the poem - The Magic Box.

Science - Solids, Liquids and Gases

Geography - Antarctica

PE - Indoor - Cricket Outdoor - Playground and team games

RE - The Creation Story

Music - Mountain Compositions

MFL - French Greetings

Computing - Online Safety, Self-Image and identity, Understanding my identity

PDL - Jigsaw - Being Me in My World, No Outsiders - This is our House

The 6 Strands - Behaviours for Learning - Respect, Self-Regulation, Boundaries, Focus, Independence and Resilience

Uniform

We are delighted to see so many children looking smart and wearing the correct uniform and this gives us a lovely sense of pride and belonging. Please can we remind you that shoes (not trainers) should be plain black and without colour, including white. Please make sure everything is **NAMED**.



Water bottles and Snacks



In Year 3 children we ask that you provide a water bottle for your child to keep in the classroom. Please ensure your child's name is on it and we do ask that these bottles are filled only with still drinks, ideally water. The children will still get their breakfast half bagel every morning starting from next week. Please do not rely on this as your child's breakfast as the deliveries are not always consistent.

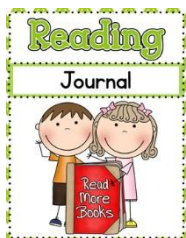


Unfortunately, there is no snack provided by the Government for the children in the juniors. Please feel free to provide your child with a piece of fruit or a breakfast bar (no nuts please) to eat at breaktime. Crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not appropriate.

PE days

Our PE days are on a **Monday and Wednesday**. On the colder/wetter days, please remember that your child will need proper trainers (not plimsolls) and they can wear blue or black tracksuits for when we are outside. Please provide earring tape if your child cannot take out their stud earrings.

Reading at Home



Children's photos will be up on our reading celebration wall outside the library. These are moved along the wall as they achieve different milestones. As a brief reminder - your child's home reading is **recorded weekly for their 5 reads**. An adult should sign the diary each time and you may wish to leave a comment. Please support your child by listening to them read **every day**. Our **Library day is Wednesday** and children can choose any sort of book which they can bring home. Please make sure your child brings the book back to change on **Wednesdays**.

Home Learning



The children will be set weekly home learning on TT Rock Stars. We will learn about logging on and using these programs in school before they are required to do this at home. The login will be in their reading diaries. There will also be weekly spellings to learn at home which will be tested on Friday along with the

Times Tables test. Once a half-term, we will set the children an extended project linked to their learning. More details will follow later in the term.

Visits and Visitors

During this half term we are very lucky to have an artist coming in and the children will be able to draw a picture of one of their family in the style used by Quentin Blake for Mr Twit. They will need to bring in a family photo for this but we will send more details nearer the time.

Communication



Each morning the class teacher will be collecting the children from the playground. If you need to pass on any information, please do so then. We will also be out at the end of the day. We do understand that some parents work, and are not around at the start or end of the day, so please feel free to write a message in the reading log or contact any member of the Year 3 Team or leave a message via the office.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to working with you,

Mr Moss, Mrs Schneider and the Year 3 Team