



# ***Welcome to Year 3***

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> September 2024

## **Welcome**

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and that the children are now ready to start the new school year.

I am looking forward to working with the class, and I am sure that we will have a very exciting and productive year. I hope the children will enjoy the new challenges of Year 3.

## **Transition from Year 2 to Year 3**

We aim to ensure that the children make a smooth transition from Year 2 to Year 3. They will be consolidating, building upon and extending the experiences and learning that they experienced in Year 2. The children will continue to develop basic skills, but they will gradually be eased into more challenging learning as the year progresses, so that they remain motivated and enthusiastic.

## **Reading in Year 3**

The children will not be receiving a home reading book until next week, as the books are being re-banded this week. The children should bring in their home reading books and reading records each day, so we can check them. There is no specific day for changing reading books in Year 3. As soon as the children have finished reading their current book, they may have a new one, although we will not be giving them a new book every day. The children should be reading an average two books per week, depending on the length of the text. We will check their reading record books and keep a record in school of the books they have read at home.

## **Snack**

From Year 3 onwards, the children no longer receive a free snack for morning playtime, but they are allowed to bring in their own snack from home. This should be some kind of fruit.



**Spelling**

Each half term, the children will receive a spelling homework booklet. The booklets are also intended to inform you about the spellings that we will be covering in Year 3. The children can work through the booklets at their own pace, and they do not have to bring them back to school when completed. Some of the children will be continuing and consolidating their work on phonics in school, but all the children will receive copies of the Year 3 spelling booklets.

**General Reminders**

- The children will have PE lessons on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school and that all items are clearly labelled.
- Any letters or reply to slips which need to be returned can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check their bags each morning and hand in things after the register.
- The children will need to remember to bring a water bottle on a Monday, which will stay in school until Friday. Your child will be able to access the bottle throughout the day. Please make sure your child's name is written clearly on the bottle.

Please don't hesitate to come and see me either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Mr. Rigby – Class Teacher