

Welcome to Hedgehog Class!

Welcome back to school and to the start of our adventure in Year 3 as Hedgehog Class. I hope you all have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer.



General information

- Please ensure your child wears the correct uniform daily, including suitable black school shoes, hair tied back with plain, school coloured hair bands or clips and a red sweatshirt with the school logo. Please send your child to school with a coat every day and ensure all items of clothing are named.
- Please ensure any money is sent to school in a sealed, named envelope, although we are a cashless school, with online payments, where possible.
- If your child is not being picked up by the usual adult, then please let the teacher know at the beginning of the school day or phone through to leave a message as soon as possible.
- As you know, we provide wrap around care with our Breakfast and Teatime club; if your child is booked into Teatime Club please ensure they are aware of this to avoid any confusion.
- If your child is unable to attend any of the after-school clubs that they regularly attend, please send a note into school, or speak to the teacher so that we are all aware of where they are.

PE Kits

Due to COVID-19, children need to wear their PE kit to school on the days that they have PE and will wear it for the full day. This term, PE will be every Tuesday and Thursday. ON these days, please can your child arrive to school with a plain white T shirt, red school sweatshirt and black shorts. Your child may wear plain black jogging bottoms or black leggings over the top of their shorts if you wish. If your child is unable to tie shoelaces, please can they wear Velcro fastening. Please ensure all items of clothing are named.

Earrings need to be removed for each PE session, ideally at home or your child is to remove them themselves. If they are unable to do this, please provide suitable micropore or plasters for earrings to be covered for every session (we are not allowed to assist with this in school).

Homework

Homework will normally be set on a Friday and is due in the following Thursday. This will usually consist of a maths and English task that is related to work that we have been doing in class. As well as this, there will also be spellings and maths must haves to learn, ready for a test on Friday. If your child finds their homework particularly difficult please ask them to speak to myself or Mrs Mallett about it. Please try to support your child as much as possible by providing them with a calm, quiet atmosphere to work in and ensuring they understand the task.

Reading

As you know, we teach children to read using the Read Write Inc scheme and although phonics sessions now stop for most children in Year 3, we still use this approach to decode

and read words. Your child will be put on the Accelerated Reader programme which focuses on the comprehension and understanding of reading. Once your child has received a reading level, they will bring their reading book and reading record home daily and are expected to read to an adult, sibling, or themselves at home for 5 to 10 minutes a day. Please record this in your child's reading record and send this back in to school every morning where your child will have the opportunity to change their reading book if finished. In the reading record, there is also a selection of questions attached for you to choose from and ask, during or after they have read, to support their comprehension.

We will also aim to listen to your child read individually in school at least once a week. However, due to COVID-19, we will not be collecting in reading records or writing in them. Therefore, if you have written a personal note for myself, please remind your child to show this to me or Mrs Mallett.

If you have any school reading books at home, please ensure these are returned to school.

Water Bottles and Snack

Children should bring in a named water bottle from home containing water only. Children in Year 3 are no longer provided with a healthy snack each morning. Therefore, we ask you to provide them with a piece of fruit or a healthy snack, if desired.

Behaviour

Children are encouraged to be kind, caring and respectful to others. We ask for your support in encouraging your child to take responsibility for their own behaviour and learning. The children have agreed a class charter for acceptable behaviour and are rewarded if they adhere to the rules. We also like to reward good work and behaviour with house points, certificates, and stickers.

Topic

This term the children are going to be learning all about 'The Stone Age'. If you have any specific information or knowledge that you would like to share with our class, then please get in contact. Usually, year 3's annual school trip is to Kent's Cavern but unfortunately this will not be going ahead this term.

I am very much looking forward to getting to know your child and watching them progress throughout the school year. I would be grateful of your continued support at home throughout the year and if you require any additional information or guidance, please do not hesitate to contact me via email.

Many thanks,

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