



Year 3 Yellow Class – Autumn Term Newsletter 2021

Dear Year Three Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and the new academic year!

It has been lovely to have the children back at school. They have all settled down well and I can see that they are eager to learn and take on new challenges. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us! Our teaching team this year is Alida Du Plessis (Monday - Wednesday), Freya Browne (Thursday and Friday), Rosanna Rahman (mornings and lunchtimes) and Jo Crichton (afternoons).

Every class in school has been timetabled with a number of sessions each day in the outside areas in school – the allotment, field, wooded area and playgrounds. We will be using these times to ensure the children get plenty of fresh air and exercise between classroom based learning and we will be teaching outside when this is possible too.

Please see below for some key information about the learning topics we have to look forward to.

Reading

In terms of reading, all children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or sibling regularly - even those who are 'free readers'. Sharing stories together at this age is crucial and such an important part of their reading journey; as the children start to become more confident decoders and begin to read more adventurous and longer texts independently, they can become tired and sometimes disengaged. Reading together - you to them and them to you, is really important and keeps the flow of the book going, ensuring comprehension and enjoyment, as well as exposure to vocabulary and story language that they may have been missed if reading alone. Reading records should be filled in when reading at home. We will endeavour to check these as much as we can but please do not leave urgent messages here as they are not checked every day.

In school we will be doing some one-to-one reading, but the focus will slowly shift to more group and whole class guided reading sessions, which focus largely on comprehension and language.

We have **library** time on a **Thursday** and a **Friday**. Please let us know if your child is finding it hard to know what to read as we can use our library times to find suitable books for children.

As always, we will ensure to support all children's individual needs in a variety of ways. Additional support, individualised learning and interventions will continue in the children's classes. We will share any further information, if necessary, with parents in due course.

Curriculum focus

Children in Year 3 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. This term in History we will be learning about The Stone Age, and in Geography we will be learning more about the UK - recapping

on its location and its 4 capital cities, and building on this, familiarising ourselves with the main cities, regions, rivers and mountain ranges, improving our map skills as we go. We hope to arrange a trip which links to our learning for later in the term too. In Science we begin with Rocks and Soils and after half term, will be looking at Light and Shadows. Excitingly, this year we also start to learn French. For further details about our curriculum and subjects taught, please see the Medium Term Overview.

PE

PE this term we will be on a **Tuesday and Wednesday**.

The days for PE lessons this term may change as we take advantage of the weather and lead sessions outside whenever possible. Therefore, it is important that the children have a **full** PE kit with them every day, including a long sleeved top and trainers for outdoor PE work. Children with long hair must remember to bring a hair tie. PE kits will be sent home to be washed at the end of the week and then returned the following Monday. Thank you.

During the school day, the children will also be completing the Daily Mile on the school's running track.

Homework

In line with our homework policy, home learning will focus on reading, spelling and maths skills. We will be setting our first homework task next week which will be some spellings every week. Children will be able to also practise their times tables by accessing the Times Tables Rockstars Programme daily. Try to do at least ten minutes a day, if possible. We can remind parents of any usernames and passwords that they need. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set, linked to a topic that we are studying. Homework will be put on the Year 3 Google Classroom every Friday. Paper copies of the homework will be available should a child wish to complete the work on paper rather than online. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it on time.

The children have new logins and passwords for the Year 3 google classroom. We have these ready to send out, but would like to give them to the children next week during their computing lesson so that we can check that they all work before sending them home.

Unfortunately, for now, there are no class assembly dates. However, we will share with you details and photographs of the children's learning whenever we can.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do contact us via the admin email - admin@camp.herts.sch.uk , through the office or phone if there is anything at all you want to discuss.

Kind regards,

Mrs. Du Plessis, Mrs. Browne, Mrs. Rahman and Mrs. Crichton