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CE Primary School

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Welcome to Year Three!



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Welcome!

We aim to answer any questions that you may have about our daily timetable and the Year Three curriculum.

Year 3 teachers:

Miss Harnett, Mrs Pigott and Mrs Bleasdale



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Teaching routines:

- Mrs Potts will be Miss Harnett's Teaching Assistant for this year and Mrs McLaren will be the Teaching Assistant for Mrs Bleasdale and Mrs Pigott, working with groups of children at any time to ensure essential progress is achieved.
- Each class will have French lessons taught by Madame Taylor, games lessons taught by a sports coach and PSHE lessons taught by Mrs McLaren. These will be on Wednesday afternoons.



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Homework:

- Weekly homework will consist of:

Times tables practice

Learning spelling patterns

Reading

Alternate English or Maths activity.

- Given out on Fridays, to be returned on Wednesdays.



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Reading:

- Please keep your reading books in your bag to have in school daily.
- The class teacher or teaching assistant will listen to your child read within an individual or guided reading session each week.
- Guided reading will be a taught session and will use a text of a higher level to provide more challenge.
- Children will also have the opportunity to change their individual reading books once throughout the week.
- Children will also bring home a library book to read in school or at home. This can be changed throughout the week.
- Please support your child by encouraging them to read on a daily basis, for a minimum of 15 minutes, and signing their Reading Record on a weekly basis.
- Please also sign specifically to say if your child needs their reading books changing.



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Swimming:

- Children will participate in weekly swimming in the Summer 2 term, these will take place on either a Tuesday or Thursday.
- It is essential that children remember their swimming kit for their swimming lesson. We will remind them in school the day before but we will be unable to phone parents on the day.
- **Jewellery is NOT permitted to be worn, including earrings!**



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PE and Games:

- Outdoor PE kit is required on Wednesdays. Children come to school wearing their outdoor PE kit on Wednesdays.
- Indoor PE kit should be in school **at all times** as this will be required weekly. It will be sent home at the end of each half term to be washed.
- Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit.
- All kit should be clearly named.



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Communication:

- Information will be sent home via e-mail, text, and/or letter.
- Class information will be sent via Class Dojo, please see the 'Class Story'.
- For general questions or communication, please contact the class teacher through Class Dojo. Class Teachers may not be able to read or respond to messages straight away.
- Please be reminded that if you dojo your child's class teacher out of school hours they will be unable to reply.
- **Please make sure you tell the office regarding changes in drop off or pick up arrangements and not your class teacher via dojo.**



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Online Safety:

Teaching children how to stay safe online is becoming more and more paramount every day. In school we have SMART rules and CEOP posters displayed in every classroom. Children spend their first half term in school learning about online safety in Computing lessons. Please help support us in educating children about this by implementing rules and regulations at home.



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General Housekeeping:

- Water bottles need to be in school, labelled.
- School bags need to be large enough for an A4 piece of paper, school book-bags are ideal. Lockers are not big enough for PE kits and large rucksacks.
- Please do not send in pencil cases.
- Please encourage your child to learn how to tie their laces, before sending them in wearing school shoes with laces.
- Please support your child to learn to tell the time independently.
- Unfortunately, there is not enough time in Year 3 to do 'Show and Tell'.
- As we are a healthy school, we do not allow birthday sweets or treats to be handed out at home time.



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We look forward to a wonderful year with your children, we will do our best to help them progress as much as possible.