

Class 3 Newsletter

7th September 2018

Dear Parents,

I hope you all had an enjoyable summer holiday and that your child is ready for an exciting year in Class 3. I have had fun setting the classroom up and I feel it is already looking fab after only a week!

Our Curriculum

This term our theme will be: '**Tree Top Adventure**', focussing on the rainforests around the world. As shown below, much of our work will be based around the theme -



Literacy -Diary Entries, Adventure Stories, Information Texts	Maths - Place Value, Counting, Addition, Subtraction, Multiplication Division
Geography - World Map Work	ICT - Internet Safety, Typing skills
D+T - Pop Up books	Art - Henri Rousseau
History - Tribes of the Rainforest	Science - Plants and animals
Music - Charanga Music Scheme	RE
PE - Dance, Team building Skills	French

These topics will be central to the work completed in school. Please take time to discuss work with your child and if possible encourage them to complete further work, reading or research at home. Discussions with your child may highlight an area that they may feel they require further work on, and five minutes on it after school may just make them feel more confident and happy.

If you have any resources or artefacts that may be useful to our theme, please send them into school with your child. Please ensure all items are named so they can be returned at the end of our theme.

This year in Key Stage 2, we have invested in Home School Record Books for each child. This is for the recording of reading, spellings, times tables, homework and anything else they need to remember. Feel free to write any messages to me if needed. We will always look at each log on a Monday but if your child gives me their log on another day, I will read any messages and get back to you as soon as possible.

Reading - In KS2 reading still remains a high priority. Please record reading daily in your child's home school record book. We would like to see **at least 3** entries each week. All books will be collected in on a **Monday** to be checked. Your child can change their reading book at any point in the week by putting it in a basket in the classroom; however, as books get longer your child may

want to read it over several days. This allows for vital inference and deduction questioning to take place both before and after reading. Please contact me if you require any support with questions that you could ask your child.

Homework - As mentioned above, homework tasks will be recorded in your child's home school record book and they will receive a homework book to complete the task in. Homework will be given out most Fridays and must be handed back in by the following Thursday. All homework is linked to tasks completed in class so your child will have prior knowledge of the work.

Your child's first homework task will be to cover their homework book; this can be simply with a sheet of wrapping paper or with a drawn design - be as creative as you wish! Please ensure their name and class is included somewhere.

Spellings - This half term, we are going to focus our spellings on useful words we will use daily. We will be starting with the days of the week and the months of the year. Details can be found in your child's Home School Record Book.

Belongings - Please ensure your child has the following in school at all times; their red bag, their reading record and book, a water bottle and their PE kit (white t-shirt, black shorts, trainers, dark coloured tracksuit bottoms and top) in a drawstring bag. Please ensure all items are named.

'Join Us' Session - This term, I would like to trial a 'Join Us' Session as we did in Key Stage 1. I would like to invite you to join us in the classroom for reading, spelling and maths activities on a Thursday Morning from 8.50am - 9.10am. Our first session will be Thursday 13th September. Please follow the children into school through the side door and then leave through the main school exit. I hope you can join us!

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries, no matter how big or small.

I look forward to working with you. Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Altoft

