

Class 3 Newsletter

8th September 2023

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a great Summer and is ready for an action packed year. The classroom is looking great and we have already settled into routines. We will document lots of our learning on our class blog and I will also post details of homework tasks here – so please keep checking and leave us a comment if you wish – the children love to read them.

<https://class3-blog.brandesburton.e-riding.sch.uk/>

Our first post is already live with lots of information similar to this letter and photos of our classroom so far.



Our Topics in School

This half term two of our main topics will be looking at Ancient Greece in History and Rocks and Soils in Science. If you have any resources, photos or artefacts for us to look at we would welcome them in school and promise to look after them. All resources will be returned. Thanks in advance.

Visiting our Classroom

As everyone is situated in a new classroom, I would like to invite you to come and see your child's new classroom at 3pm on Friday 15th September. It would be lovely if you could join us and get a guided tour from your child.

Important Information

Home School Record Books

In Key Stage 2, we have slightly different reading logs called 'Home School Record' Books. These are used to record 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 Friday 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 logs will be looked at **on a Friday**, but completed reading books can be changed any day of the week as long as it is recorded in the log with an adult signature. When reading, please ensure you complete inference and deduction questioning before, during and after reading to ensure your child has understood the text. Please contact me if you require any support with questions that you could ask your child.

PE

As we did last year, we would like children to come to school in their PE kit on the day they have PE. Class 3 will be required **to come to school in their PE kit on a Wednesday and a Friday** – PE kit should be a white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a school jumper or cardigan and trainers. As we will be outside, please also send your child with a clean pair of indoor shoes to change into afterwards.

Belongings

Please ensure your child has the following in school at all times; **their red bag, their reading record and book, named water bottle and a coat if needed**. It would be useful if the water bottle could come filled with fresh

drinking water, as this will speed up systems in school. Water bottles will be sent home each night for washing. Please ensure all items are named.

Fruit

Now that your child is in KS2, they no longer get a free piece of fruit. However, you are welcome to send a piece of fruit for them to eat at playtime. Please keep the fruit in their book bag or lunch box as this will be the easiest way to store it.

Homework

Homework will be set as challenges on the blog most weeks. Please get into the routine of checking the blog weekly. Tasks will be set on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday. Often the task will be a practical one consolidating the learning taking place at home. (See below for your first challenge)

Times Tables

Please continue to work with your child on their times tables. They were expected to know their 2,5, 10 times tables by the end of Year 2, then add their 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of Year 3 and all tables by the end of Year 4. All Year 4's will complete the Multiplication Check towards the end of the year so practice is very important (more details to follow later in the year) There are many games on Purple Mash and Times Table Rockstars to support this learning. Logins can be found in your child's reading log.

Spellings

As a school, we follow the Purple Mash spelling programme. Your child will be given spellings each week linked to a particular spelling pattern. Spellings will be written in your child's reading record and they will also be able to access a quiz through Purple Mash each week.



Your first homework challenge....

Over the holidays, I developed a very inviting reading area and I can't wait to get reading books from it! Your first challenge links to the display in the area. In the holidays I was lucky enough to sit in Charlie Cook's chair from the Julia Donaldson book 'Charlie Cook's Favourite Book' and share a story.

So, I want to know where you get caught reading! Can you get someone to take a photo of you reading in your favourite place or an unusual place and bring it into school?

You can email school with your photo (brands@eastriding.gov.uk) and we will print it off or bring one into school. I can't wait to display your photos in the reading area!



Wow...that was a lot of information! Thanks for reading to the end!

Please contact me if you have any questions or queries, no matter how big or small. Feel free to email or catch me after school. I look forward to working with you and your child.

Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely **Mrs Altoft**