

Class 3 Newsletter

6th September 2024

Dear Parents,

I hope everyone had a great Summer and is ready for an action packed year. We have made a great start to our learning, the classroom is looking great and we settling into our new routines.

This Year

The same as last year, all the Year 3 and 4 children will be in Class 3. However, we have made timetable choices to ensure the children are taught as separate year groups on many occasions throughout the week. Maths, Science, PE, RE, Music, Jigsaw, Computing and French will all be taught as separate year groups and smaller class sizes – this will be very beneficial to all children.

Our Topics in School

This half term one of our main topics will be looking at Ancient Egypt in History. 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

I would like to invite you to come and see your child's new classroom at **3.15pm on Friday 13th September**. It would be lovely if you could join us and get a guided tour from your child. (We will send the children out as normal first and then you can come back in with your child)

Important Information and Routines

Our Class Blog

As in previous years, we will post lots of our learning and information relevant to Class 3 on our class blog – please try to make checking the blog with your child part of your weekly routine.

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

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, 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. Let's all work together to achieve 100% of readers each week!

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, listed on the blog and they will also be able to access a quiz through Purple Mash each week. **Spellings will be tested and new ones issued each Tuesday.**

Times Tables

Times tables are a vital mathematical skill that need to be learnt. The children 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.

Homework

At the moment we will not be issuing any additional pieces of weekly homework as, we would like to see all the children concentrating on their reading, spelling and times tables to begin the year. However, as the year progresses we plan to add tasks and challenges to the blog for you to complete with your child. We will not be using seesaw in Class 3. If your child completes some work at home, please feel free to send it into school with them.

PE

Class 3 will be required **to come to school in their PE kit on a Monday and a Wednesday** – PE kit should be a white t-shirt, dark coloured shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings, a plain black or red hoody, 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.

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.

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.

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 before/after school. I look forward to working with you and your child.

Thanks in advance.

Yours sincerely **Mrs Altoft**