



## YEAR THREE NEWSLETTER: Autumn 1 2017



Dear Parents and Carers,



Welcome back to school after hopefully a restful and relaxing summer break. Thank you so much for returning the pirate treasure bags which we are currently enjoying looking at within our classes – they have been a great support in providing a smooth transition into Key Stage Two.



This year, the two class teachers in Year Three are Mr Breeze (3B) and Miss Fletcher (3F) supported by a great Year Three team including Mr Feather, Miss Sayers, Mrs Morgan and Mrs Mowbray.



In order to help your child settle into their new class and key stage, we will continue to have an afternoon break which will gradually be phased out when appropriate for the children. As fruit is not provided as a break time snack in Key Stage Two, your child is welcome to bring a healthy snack to enjoy, or may bring in 35p a day to buy a healthy cereal bar from the school office at morning break.



We have lots to look forward to this term, with our cross-curricular topic being Pirates. We will be studying many aspects of pirate life, led by the children's questions as to what they'd like to learn about. We are fortunate to have a visit from 'Captain Burwash' on Monday 18th September to kick start our new topic. Some English and Maths lessons will be linked to the topic. On Friday 20<sup>th</sup> October, we will be hosting our first year group assembly about Pirates which we hope you can join us for. It would be great if your child could come to school on the assembly day in a pirate costume as we'll be having a whole day of pirate based activities and a pirate themed lunch.



Our English lessons this half-term will be linked to Captain Pugwash and will develop the children's descriptive writing. Our maths topics include place value and addition and subtraction. We will continue to focus upon the 2x, 5x and 10x tables to ensure the children are fully secure before we move on to 4 times table. In science, we will be exploring the human body, what it needs to be healthy and looking at what other animals need to survive.



Our Outdoor PE lessons are on Thursday mornings and this half-term the children will be learning the skills of Hockey. Our Indoor PE lessons will be on Monday afternoons and we will be developing our gymnastic skills, including developing our balance in order to walk the plank! Please can your child come to school on the stated PE days in PE kit according to the school's uniform policy. On Wednesday afternoons, the children will begin to learn French and the music curriculum will be developed on Friday afternoons where the children will be beginning to learn recorders.



All the children will begin the year writing with a pencil but will have the opportunity to develop their handwriting and achieve a pen licence. Children are provided with all stationery they need, they do not require any further items so we ask that children do not bring any personal equipment into school.





Our Middle Phase letter outlines Year Three's homework procedures in more detail so please refer to this for further information. Your child should have chosen their library book by now and our library day is Wednesday. We would appreciate it if you could read this with them at home and encourage them to change it regularly.



Our Learn by Heart Maths targets will be sent out fortnightly, from Friday 16<sup>th</sup> September and the Learning Logs for this half term will be sent out on Friday the 13<sup>th</sup> October. Additionally, each half-term Year Three pupils will be given a list of spellings to learn and these will be assessed on the week beginning Monday 19<sup>th</sup> October. This half-term's words to learn are: **exercise, forward, fruit, grammar, heart, island, question and learn.**



If you have any questions or concerns at any time, please do not hesitate to get in touch with a member of the team.



Kind regards,  
Mr Breeze and Miss Fletcher

