

Year Three Newsletter Autumn 1 2018

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to school after hopefully a restful and relaxing break. Thank you for returning the circus treasure bags which we are currently enjoying looking at within our classes. This year the two class teachers in Year Three are Mr Breeze (3B) and Miss Fletcher (3F). We have a great Year Three team this year including Mrs Todd, Mrs Bagnall 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 40p to buy a healthy cereal bar from the school office.

We have lots to look forward to this term, with our brand new topic of 'The Circus'! We will be studying many aspects of circus life, led by the children's questions as to what they'd like to learn about. We have been fortunate to have a visit from the circus company Splat on Friday 7th September to kick start our new topic, where the children showcased the skills that they have learnt at the end of the day. On Thursday 27th September we are lucky to have a trapeze artist from the circus company Skinning the Cat who is going to be interviewed by the children and will be running a circus mask making workshop. In our English lessons we will be writing descriptions and poems about the circus and circus performers. In science we will be looking at healthy eating to design a circus energy bar and we will be investigating how circus performers use the human body. In maths this half term we will be exploring place value, addition and subtraction.

Our Outdoor PE lessons this half term are on Tuesday afternoons and the children will be learning the skills of Hockey. Our Indoor PE lessons will be taught by Miss Brett on Wednesday afternoons and the children will be developing their gymnastic skills and dance linked to our circus topic. Please can your child come to school on the stated PE days in PE kit according to the schools uniform policy. On Wednesday afternoons the children will also begin to learn French with Mrs Morgan. The music curriculum will be developed on Friday afternoons where the children will be learning recorders. All the children will begin the year writing with a pencil but will have the opportunity to develop their handwriting in order to achieve a pen licence and write using a pen. Children are provided with all stationery for their pencil case at school, they do not require any further items so we ask that children do not bring any personal equipment into school.

The children will receive Learn by Heart targets every fortnight to practise at home and will be challenged on these targets in class the following week. The first LBH targets will be sent out on Friday 14th September to be returned on Wednesday 26th September. These targets will consist of 12 spellings to learn and a maths target to practise. We would like to thank you in advance for helping and supporting your child's learning at home. The children will also be set Learning Log tasks every half term based on the topic. Further information about this will follow.



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