

## **Meet The Teacher Year 3 2019-2020**

The children in Year 3 will be taught by Mrs A Wilson in Poplar Class and Mrs Dodd and Mrs Madgwick in Oak Class. The children will also be taught by Mrs B Wilson and Mrs McConnell. Our support staff are Mrs Morris, Mrs B Wilson, Mrs Ward and Mrs Hinson.

We would like our Year 3 children to be happy, safe and confident.

We have high expectations of behaviour and progress and we encourage the children to do their best through:

### **Rewards**

As you are aware, your child is in a "house." (Humford, Bolam, Plessey, Simonside, Kielder.) They earn "house points" for their house for excellent work, effort, behaviour, manners etc. The house points are counted up each week and announced in assembly. The winning house each half term is awarded a house treat! Children can also earn reward certificates each half term for good behaviour, completing homework and being organised! When they gain 1000 points or more on Mathletics or Spellodrome, the children are also awarded a certificate and there will also be a Mathlete and Speller of the week! During the Autumn Term, the children will have the opportunity to aspire to being Swimmer of the Week!

### **Golden Book**

Each week we have a golden assembly on Friday morning. The teachers put the names of two children who have excelled in the golden book. They stand up in assembly and receive a sticker and a small prize. Teachers keep a record of who has been in the book and all children will be entered during the year.

### **Traffic lights**

We have a traffic light system in each classroom. The children's names are placed on the green light and we expect them to stay there. If a child behaves inappropriately, their name is moved to the amber light which is a warning. If inappropriate behaviour continues, the name will be moved to red and the child will miss some playtime. Children will start each new session of the day on green.

### **Golden Time**

The children will earn golden time for good work/behaviour/organisation where they will be able to choose and play. In Year 3 this will happen on the last Friday afternoon of the half term. To earn all of their Golden Time, the children must remember to bring their reading book and homework folder to school regularly.

### PHSE lessons/ Circle time

We have planned PSHE lessons each week where we give the children the opportunity to discuss their views, concerns, feelings and experiences openly. As the children are getting older, we also encourage them to develop more independence by taking responsibility for their own belongings and jobs within the classroom.

### PE, Reading and spelling

Separate letters about PE, reading and homework (including spellings) have already been sent home. Please check your child's homework folder!

### Homework

Achieving the balance between school work and homework can be tricky! We appreciate that families are very busy and that children often take part in many activities and clubs outside of school and as a result, homework can sometimes be a bit of a chore! On the other hand, we also understand that parents wish to support their children at home in their learning too. In Year 3, the children will bring home a piece of homework on a Friday. It will usually be a piece of topic, maths or English homework. Homework and homework folders should be returned each Thursday, even if a task has not been completed. Due to the fact that homework in Key Stage 2 is completed on a sheet, homework will be filed with your child's class work and will not be returned home the following week. Homework will be regularly marked and appropriate feedback will be given to your child. You will receive a half-termly plan which will include the spelling patterns your child will be learning in school each week. Please feel free to practise these at home with your child as well. You may wish to write them in their homework book.

### Additional homework (parental choice)

Parents sometimes request additional homework activities for their child to complete at home. Additional homework in maths can be completed on **Mathletics** by logging on with the

username and password in your child's homework folder. Sometimes your child's class teacher will set an activity on Mathletics for your child to try at home. The children can accumulate points and earn certificates for the work they have done both in school and at home.

Times tables practise is always invaluable. Whilst we teach times tables in school it is always helpful if the children can practise these at home too! By the end of year 3, pupils are expected to know the 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 and 8 times tables by heart. They may also be able to recall some facts in the other times tables too.

If you would like to work on developing reading and spelling with your child further at home, you could read a longer book together or try some spelling games. Pupils can also access **Spellodrome** using the same username and password as for their Mathletics account.

### **New Experiences in Year 3**

Year 3 pupils will learn to play the cornet, take part in French lessons and in the Autumn Term they will start swimming lessons too.

### **Assessing Progress**

Whilst we do not ask the children to complete **weekly tests** in maths or spelling, we do assess their progress regularly so that we can monitor learning and set the children challenging targets. We therefore have regular spelling and mental maths check-ups, including times tables check-ups. You will receive information either in the half-term plan or via communication in a separate letter so that you know which times tables we are focussing on in class each half term.

### **Interventions**

Sometimes children will be involved in intervention groups for maths, literacy or spelling. Please see the separate letter in your child's homework folder this week for more information.

### **School Website**

Important information, copies of topic plans, spelling rules and trip letters can be found on the school website. Also, watch out for our photo galleries which are regularly updated!

## **Communication**

At West End, we view education as a partnership between home and school. If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please feel free to pop in and speak to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, you can pass a message on to your child's class teacher via an adult on the door in the morning.

## **Year 4 Residential Trip**

In the Summer term, your child will bring home information about the residential trip that they have the opportunity to go on in Year 4. There will also be a meeting held for parents to find out more about the trip. Due to the booking and reservation process, it is likely that your child will need to decide whether they would like to go on the residential trip by the end of year three.

## **Costs for the year**

Woodhorn Colliery £5 (September)

Northumberland Day (Wear something red, yellow, black or white or any combination of the above colours - budget supermarket t-shirt £2.50)

Theatre trip - Usually free (December)

Christmas party food item to share £1-£2 (December)

Greek Day Costume (Various costs depending on choice) (May)

Residential trip deposit £50 (June / July)

End of year trip £2-£3 towards transport based on last year's Plessey Woods trip. This may change if the venue or focus for the trip changes.