



September 2023

Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, we would like to say a huge 'Welcome to Fairisle Junior School' and we hope that you have all had an enjoyable summer. Everyone here at Fairisle Junior have been looking forward to meeting the children and we have been busy preparing for them to start. They have made an excellent start to the New Year and it has been great getting to know them. We do know that some children were feeling apprehensive about starting a new school and therefore this week we planned in plenty of opportunities, which focused on the children's transition, ensuring that they feel safe and welcomed.

We will begin this term with our topic: 'Lordshill and Beyond'. The children will look at texts that support their learning and they will learn more about our local area and what life is like in Southampton.

This week, the children have been given their school planner. Please use these to communicate with your child's teacher. These contain important information about different aspects of school life, reading records and awards earned in school. The children will be able to achieve these in the same way as they usually would but in particular, by going above and beyond to demonstrate the school rules, 'Ready, Respect, Safe', in all aspects of school life.

We expect your child to read at home every day. Reading each day will help build their stamina for concentration, expand their vocabulary, ignite their imagination and help build healthy and active minds! Each child will receive a reading scheme book that needs to be in school every day. Reading books will be changed weekly. This will give us the opportunity to establish individual reading levels so that we can issue texts, which are appropriate and accessible for each child.

In addition to reading, children need to be practising their times tables. Initially, the children will need to secure their knowledge of the 2, 5 and 10 multiplication facts and we will then be moving onto 3, 4 and 8 times tables. There is an expectation that children need to know these by the end of Year 3. Times Tables Rock Stars is a great resource and will support them to do this. Children have individual logins so that they can access this at home. Their logins have been stuck in their planners and they will be taught to use this resource.

This year, PE will take place on a Monday. Please ensure that your child has the correct kit, including a change of footwear. As the weather changes, please ensure that your child has suitable, warm black jogging bottoms with a black or red jumper.

We are really looking forward to the year ahead and if you at any time, have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher through a note in your child's planner or by telephoning the school. We would like to say thank you in advance for your support.

Best wishes,

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