



November 2023

Year 3 – Welcome Back!

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you and your children have enjoyed the short break and are ready for an exciting Christmas term; we have a number of super events coming up. We will be taking part in our very own Fairisle Bake Off, where children will be making their own Christmas Vegetable Parcels.

This half term, we are continuing with our topic on Lordshill and Beyond. A key text that we will be reading is 'The Mousehole Cat' to support our learning on places beyond Lordshill. This half term we will also be reading the text 'Trolls Stink' to support our learning on the impact of Cyber Bullying. When reading these texts, the children will write their own narratives, recounts and instructions.

In Maths, the children will be recapping their learning of addition and subtraction and we will also be progressing onto learning how to use a formal written method for these two operations. For those children who are not quite ready to do so, we will continue to use concrete apparatus to support their understanding of adding and subtracting two 2 digit numbers.

In Year 3, we expect the children to be reading daily to an adult at home to help them with their fluency. You can support children further by asking questions about what they have read. As well as reading, it is vital that the children are practising their times tables regularly at home and learning their weekly spellings. Being able to recall their times tables quickly will help the children with most areas of their maths learning. Times Table Rock Stars is a great way for children to do this and children are also able to use Spelling Shed to play games to help them learn their spellings.

We would like to remind you that children have Physical Education (PE) every **Monday**. Some of the learning will take place outside, weather permitting. For these sessions, the children will need black jogging bottoms, a black sweatshirt or tracksuit top and trainers as the weather can be bitterly cold. For indoor PE, the children will be barefoot and should wear shorts as these are less likely to cause them to trip and slide on the floor. We have asked the children to bring in both their indoor and outdoor kit each Monday and then take them home for washing on Friday. Earrings must not be worn and teachers are not permitted to remove them. We expect the children to be able to remove them if they must keep their earrings in during school hours.

We are really looking forward to what we think will be another great half term for the children. We would like to thank you in advance for your support and if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher. You can do this by writing a note in your child's planner or telephoning the school and they will make contact with you.

Best wishes,

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