

CLASS 3

Dear Parents

September 2019

Welcome back

Welcome back to a new school year, we hope you have had a lovely summer and enjoyed the lovely British weather! The children are settling well into their new class and we are looking forward to another exciting year.

Our visit to Kent's Cavern in a couple of weeks is going to be inspiring much of our work over the next term. In History we will be thinking about how Britain has changed over time. We will look at evidence from the cave's earliest human inhabitants; the Roman visitors and Victorian explorers to help us better understand life during different time periods. Walking through ancient caves will also support our science topic and allow us to observe 400 million year old rocks and fossils first hand.

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In English we are going to be reading traditional tales and rewriting a fairy tale with a twist! In art we will be looking at the illustrations of Lauren Child and developing our skills of using mixed media, such as watercolours with collage, to create pictures.

In PE, we are going to be developing skills needed to work as part of a team through playing invasion games and also staying physically fit and active by running a daily mile. This year, we are also going to be continuing with our River Bear Yoga training. These exercises can help a child's physical, emotional and mental well-being and provide a little bit of peace and rest-bite to our busy week. You can read more about River Bear Yoga here:

<https://www.riverbear yoga.co.uk/about-river-bear-yoga>

Homework

Homework will continue to go out on Wednesdays and children will be asked to complete a piece of work which will be related to something we have been learning about in class. Please can this then be handed in on the following Monday.

Reading

Please can you make sure that you listen to your children read as often as you can and write in their reading record to tell us how you feel they are getting on. Writing in their reading record and reminding your child to bring this in to class everyday along with their reading book, will help us to monitor your child's reading. Children will be asked to hand in their reading records on a Monday with their homework.

If your child is a developing reader (free reader), please can you also continue to use a reading record that comes into class. It is still important to monitor and to talk to them about what they are reading and to encourage a wide range of genres and texts. Please remind your child to complete a reading activity when they have finished a book. These can be completed in their homework books.

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If you haven't received a Reading Activity pack, which should have come home with your child this week, then please let us know.

Spellings

We will be sending home spellings to learn at the beginning of every half term. Please can you practise these with your child regularly to compliment the work done at school. Your support with these is essential and will really help. Children will be tested on these spellings at the end of each term.

PE

Can you please make sure that your child has a full named PE kit in school all week. The children may continue to do PE outside this term, so it is important they have the appropriate kit. For example: T-shirts, hoodies, shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms and trainers.

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Fruit Break

Children will need to bring in a piece of fruit every day, they can put this in their trays or keep it in their bag. Can you also make sure that your child brings in a named drinks container every day with fresh water. We will remind the children to bring them home at the end of the day so that they can be washed and refilled.

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If you have any queries or questions then please feel free to pop into class or send us an email. Alternatively, if there is something you wish to discuss you are very welcome to make an appointment to come in and see us.

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Kind regards,

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