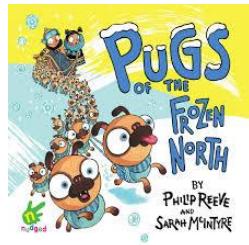


Welcome to Year 3



It has been a pleasure to welcome the children back to school and to be working with them in Year 3 (Goldfinches). They are adapting well to new routines and life in Key Stage 2!

1. If there is anything you would like to discuss, please get in touch. The office will forward on any emails, you can leave a message with Mr Medlicott on the playground or I will try to be available on the playground after school. Unfortunately, I am available for discussions first thing in the morning.
2. This year, my PPA is on Tuesday afternoon and Mrs Ponting will be teaching the class during this time. We have Miss Karen in our class each day as well as Mrs Parkes every morning.
3. **Homework:**
 - Spelling/ Handwriting practise: This sheet goes out on a Thursday to help the children practise the current spelling rule we are studying as well as their handwriting. These need to be brought back in every Wednesday, which is also the day we carry out the spelling test. Please support your child to learn the words as well as completing the handwriting sheet.
 - Reading: At this age, children should still be reading **aloud to an adult** regularly. Children may start to read to themselves more often, but they still need to read to an adult. They should also be taking responsibility for writing in their own reading records, making notes on their opinions on the characters, their predictions for the next chapter, what they thought of the book etc. We continue to celebrate when children have read to an adult at home with reading certificates. Please make sure your child brings their book and their reading record to school every day.
 - Every five reads at home, recorded on their bookmark and initialled or signed by an adult, will earn them a raffle ticket. At the end of each small term, three names are drawn and they will receive a free book.



- **Maths:** Times Table Rock Stars is designed to be used little and often. It is suggested that children use it **at least** once or twice a week. Children should know all tables confidently by the end of Year 4.

If your child is finding any aspect of the homework difficult, please contact us. Children not completing TTRS will be asked to catch up at break or lunchtimes.

4. **PE** – Tuesday is our Gymrun session with the sports coach and our other session is on Thursdays. After Christmas, we will be going swimming. It is important that children have PE kits in school all week. It serves as a spare set of clothes as well as a PE kit. The PE kit is navy/ dark shorts and a plain, white t-shirt but a dark, plain tracksuit is acceptable in the colder, winter months.



5. **Swimming:** We will be starting a 10-week block on Friday 9th January. Although we try to be prompt back to school after lessons, we can sometimes be a little late; after the end of school time due to unforeseen circumstances, so you may wish to make arrangements for this eventuality.
6. **Jewellery:** Children can only wear a watch and one pair of simple stud earrings. For health and safety reasons these will need to be removed for all PE lessons. If ear-piercing is recent (less than 6 weeks), studs may be left in the ear as long as they are safely covered with micropore tape provided from home. It is the child's responsibility to ensure they bring this tape from home for this purpose. If they are not confident removing earrings then they should not wear them into school on PE days.
7. **Uniform:** Guidance on uniform including footwear, watches, hair accessories etc. was sent out in the summer term and again at the start of this term.
8. **Woodland:** I will let you know in advance when we will be going down to the woodlands so that you can provide the children with more appropriate clothing.
9. **Medication:** Any medication for children must be left at the office. If your child needs an inhaler, they should already have one in school. Inhalers will be kept safe in the classroom, in case they are needed. If your child has recently been diagnosed with asthma, please ensure that you contact the office to let us know as soon as possible. We need to keep a register of all asthmatics and medications. If your child no longer needs an inhaler, please contact the office so they can be removed from the register.
10. **Home time:** If your child is being collected by someone different from usual (such as going home with a friend), please can you email, ring or write a note so that we know that we have your permission for this. Without your consent, **I am not allowed to let them go with anybody else.**
11. **Please ensure that all items are named.**

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have any further questions.

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