Welcome to Year 3 – Australia Class

Welcome back after the summer holidays. We would like to take this opportunity to outline the structure of Year 3 and what the children will be learning this year.

Year 3 Team
Miss Jones – Class Teacher
Mrs Duffy – Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Glover 1-1 Learning Support Assistant
Mrs Cluely 1-1 Learning Support Assistant
Miss Greenwood 1-1 Learning Support Assistant
Ms Hill – (SHLTA) covering class on Wednesday (pm)

Please find attached a copy of our Autumn Term timetable. It outlines core and foundation subject coverage. Please note P.E times (Tuesday afternoon and swimming on Wednesday). Children need to remember P.E kits on these days.

Themed Work
Autumn 1: The Tudors (History)
Autumn 2: British Art (Art)
Spring 1: Mighty Mountains (Geography)
Spring 2: South America (Geography)
Summer 1: Vikings (History)
Summer 2: The Great Bread Bake Off (D&T)

Helping your child
Reading
Children should bring their book and reading journal into school every day in a book bag or drawstring bag that can fit into their drawer. It is important that their book and reading journal are in school each day so that we can record when we have heard them read.

At Fairfield, children are heard to read in small guided groups (weekly). Children will also be heard reading, at times, on a 1 to 1 basis by additional support adults with their individual home reading book. Once you child has finished their book, they will be asked to follow up the reading of their individual book with an activity. Please support your child in completing these when set.

We recognise that children read at different speeds and because of this we have a system in place whereby the children can change their individual reading books as often as they like through placing their reading book and diary in the change tray. When children do this, Mrs Duffy or Mrs Glover will endeavour to change their reading book on that day.

Even if your child decodes words well and reads fluently, it is still important that they read as often as possible in order to develop their comprehension skills and widen their knowledge of sentence structure and vocabulary, which will in turn help them to develop their writing skills.

Children will have a reading journal which needs to be signed and dated each time your child reads with you at home. We expect children to read at home with an adult three times a week. This is linked to in-school Olympic Reading rewards and displays. Please make sure you keep reading regularly and signing the book.

Homework
All primary schools are expected to set homework for pupils. We believe that these should be manageable tasks that reinforce and extend the learning in school, and which allow parents and children to work together in an enjoyable and positive way. Pupils are expected to complete homework and hand it in on time. If there are particular difficulties, please don’t hesitate to catch one of the Year 3 Team and let them know. Children who are unable to complete their homework on time will complete it in school during Thursday lunch time.

The Homework books will be given out on a **Friday** and are due back in the following **Wednesday**. There will also be a spelling test based around a given rule every Friday.

**Trips**

As well as the Pantomime trip in December, the Year 3 children will also be attending a trip to Bosworth Battlefield to assist with their learning of The Tudors. There will also be a trip in the summer term 2019 with the children from Year 5. Please keep an eye out for the letters coming home.

**Clubs open to Year 3**

There will be a variety of clubs open to Year 3 this year.

**E-Safety**

Many families now have computers at home and allow children to access the Internet to help with learning activities. Whilst the Internet is a fantastic resource and children can benefit greatly, please ensure that they are properly supervised or that your computer is adequately protected with filters to prevent children from accessing inappropriate material. At school we take this very seriously. Children will be taught about staying safe on-line and to be aware that not all websites are reliable sources. For further advice and guidance on this, please refer to CEOP www.ceop.police.uk/ (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

There is an **E-Safety parent meeting** at school. Please keep an eye out for the letter coming home.

**Equipment**

Please ensure that your child wears the correct school uniform and that all items are **named** clearly (See school uniform policy available in the Office). We have a lost property box in our hall. If your child loses an item please check in that box first of all. The school provides all equipment that the children require in their lessons so it is not necessary for children to bring in their own stationery. Please remember to send your children in with a named water bottle every day.

**P.E**

Please follow the School uniform policy and ensure all P.E. kit is named. It would be helpful if you could provide socks for girls who wear tights to school. Kit should be kept in a drawstring bag on cloakroom pegs. Please do not have large rucksacks for kit as they will not fit on the pegs. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn. It would be helpful for pupils not to wear earrings on the P.E days or are capable of removing earrings prior to the start of a lesson. Please ensure that your child has both an indoor and an outdoor kit with them, including plimsolls.

In Year 3, we currently do P.E on a Tuesday afternoon and swimming on a Wednesday morning.

**Important dates for your diary**

Please keep an eye out for letters in case any of these dates change.

- **Thursday 4th October** – Harvest assembly
- **Tuesday 9th and Thursday 11th October** – Parent’s evenings
- **Thursday 11th October** – School Photos

Week commencing 15th October – Half term
Tuesday 30th October – Halloween Discos (time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 28th November – Final swimming session for Year 3

Friday 7th December – Decorations morning (time to be confirmed)
Wednesday 19th December – School Disco
Thursday 20th December – De-Montfort Hall Christmas Pantomime ‘Peter Pan’
Friday 21st December – Last day of Autumn term/ Toy day

Tuesday 8th January – First day of Spring Term

**Home/School Agreement, Data Information and Parental Consent form**
There will be a home school agreement, data information and parental consent form that we would like all parents/carers to complete and return back to school at your earliest convenience. Please remember to notify the office of any changes to your personal contact details as and when these arise.

We hope this has been helpful. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Miss Jones (Class teacher), Mrs Duffy, Mrs Glover, Miss Greenwood & Mrs Cluely