Friday 4th September

Dear Parents/Guardians,

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 Holyoak- Learning Support Assistant
Miss Loughlin 1-1 Learning Support Assistant
Ms Hill – (SHLTA) covering class on Wednesday (pm)

Please find attached a copy of our Autumn timetable. It outlines core and foundation subject coverage. Please note P.E times (Tues (pm) and swimming on Weds). Children need to remember P.E kits on these days. Daily Carousel on the timetable involves children rotating around a series of activities including guided reading, targets, comprehension, independent reading and spelling practise.

Themed Work
Autumn 1: The Romans (History/DT)
Autumn 2: India (Geog/Art)
Spring 1: The incredible Egyptians (History/Art)
Spring 2: Once Upon a Time (D.T/ Art)
Summer 1: Robots (ICT/ Science)
Summer 2: Feeling Fit (Healthy Me) (Science/PHSE)

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 reading in small guided groups (weekly) during ‘Carousel’. Children will also be heard reading, at times, on a 1 to 1 basis by additional support adults with their individual home reading book. Children will also be asked to follow up the reading of their individual book with a reading task. 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 Holyoak or Miss Loughlin 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.

**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, or 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.

Alongside regular reading, pupils will be given short, manageable tasks to do. A homework sheet for the half term will be stuck into their books. Each week children need to choose one of the activities to do. They can choose the order in which they are done but by the end of the half term, all of the tasks should have been completed. The Homework books will be given out on a Friday and are due back in the following Wednesday. One task needs to be completed each week. There will also be a spelling test based around the given rule every Friday.

**Clubs open to Year 3**

There will be a variety of clubs open to Year 3 this year so please keep an eye out for letters coming home.

**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/](http://www.ceop.police.uk/) (Child Exploitation and Online Protection Centre).

**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 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 kit is named. It would be helpful if you could provide socks for girls who wear tights to school. PE kit should be kept in a drawstring bag on cloakroom pegs. Please do not have large rucksacks etc for PE kit as they will not fit on the pegs. PE kit should be taken home each Friday to be washed and returned on Monday. For Health and Safety reasons, earrings should not be worn for P.E. 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 go swimming on a Wednesday morning.

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

Tuesday 6th October – Harvest assembly
Tuesday 13th and Thursday 15th October – Parents evenings
Thursday 15th October – School Photos
Week commencing 19th October – Half term

Tuesday 1st December – Decorations morning
Friday 18th December – Last day of Autumn term/ Toy day

Tuesday 5th January – First day of Spring term

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

Miss Jones, Mrs Holyoak and Miss Loughlin