



WILLIAM BARNES PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope that everyone had an enjoyable summer break and that both children and parents are approaching the new academic year with open arms. The first few days have been lovely and all of the children are beginning to settle into year 3 extremely well.

Morning Routine:

The school gates will be open from 8:30am for both children and parents. Please could lunchboxes be placed on the year 3 trolley inside the hall as soon as your child arrives. At 8:45am, the bell will ring and the children will be expected to line up on their spots. Mrs Day or I will then collect the children from the playground.

Homework:

Each week, year 3 children will be set a small amount of home learning. This will need to be completed in your child's reading journal or maths folder and will consist of the following:

- A minimum of 3 reads with an adult, recorded and signed in your child's reading journal.
- To achieve at least 300 points on Mathletics
- A times table worksheet

Throughout the year, your child may be set some additional homework to complement their learning in class.

Mathletics login details are attached to the front of your child's maths folder along with their Times Table Rock Stars login.

The expectation for reads will increase to 4 after half term and then to 5 after the Christmas break. This is to allow both children and parents to adjust with the additional homework set compared to year 2.

PE:

PE lessons will be taught on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** during the first half term. These will change half termly but I will send a text message to inform parents of this.

On these days, please send your child into school wearing their PE kit. This should consist of a green or white t-shirt with black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Your child may also wear a plain PE hoodie or their William Barnes school jumper. Please be considerate on cold and wet days and ensure that your child has enough warm clothing.

Please could earrings be taken out at home on these days unless your child is able to quickly remove/insert their own earrings quickly.

PPA Time:

As you may be aware all teachers have non-contact time each week for planning, preparation and assessment so Miss Maynard will teach year 3 on a Thursday morning.

Dates for your Diary:

Friday 10th September - Dahlistic artworkshop 9am - 10am, join your child to celebrate Roald Dahl's birthday by creating some Dahl inspired art.

Tuesday 14th September - Meet the teacher 3:30pm

Week beginning Monday 18th October - Parents evenings

Half term: Monday 25th October - Friday 29th October

Monday 1st November - Autumn 2 term begins

Week beginning Monday 8th November - Family Learning Week

Week beginning Monday 15th November - Anti-bullying week

Friday 10th December - Christmas Market

Friday 17th December - Last day of term

There will be more dates added to these so please keep an eye out for the monthly William Barnes newsletter.

Connected Curriculum:

This term our English will be based on Roald Dahl books. Our History and Geography topics are Word War II and India.

Below is a summary of our curriculum this term.

Subject:	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	Narrative - Roald Dahl Character descriptions Diary entries Newspaper reports	Narrative - Roald Dahl Dialogue & Plays Non-Fiction - reports WWII
Maths	Number & Place Value Counting & Estimating Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Measurement Properties of Shape Problem Solving	Counting & Estimating Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division Fractions of Shapes and Numbers Time Statistics Problem Solving
Science	Light	Rocks
History & Geography	India: Location/Maps Village Life Life at School Geographical & Human Features Food	World War II: Outbreak of the war Battle of Britain Wartime entertainment Armed forces
RE	Hinduism - The importance of home	Christianity - True meaning of Christmas
PSHCE	Being Me in My World	Celebrating Difference
Art & DT	Rangoli Patterns Cooking - Potato curry /chapattis Milk Bottle Elephants	Watercolour Animals Christmas Market Items
Music	Charanga	
PE	Dance - Bollywood / Indian Games - Tennis	Dance - Enormous crocodile Games - Netball
ICT	SCRATCH - Dressing up	Repeated patterns

Communication is paramount to your child's learning, therefore, if you have any queries or concerns please do not hesitate to catch me before or after school. Alternatively, send me an email at year3@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Newman
(Class Teacher)

and

Mrs Day
(Teaching Assistant)