



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. It has been lovely to welcome the children back and they have made a fantastic start.

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 Henley 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 5 reads with an adult, recorded and signed in your child's reading journal.
- To practice their times tables on Times table Rock Stars (TTRS) 3 times a week.
- A maths worksheet, either based around our current learning or with a times tables focus.

Throughout the year, your child may be set some additional homework to complement their learning in class, for example Home Talk School Write (HTSW) tasks.

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

Math's homework set on a Thursday and due in on a Wednesday.

Reading Journals are due in every Monday.

PE:

PE lessons will be taught on a **Tuesday** and **Thursday** 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 Wednesday afternoon.

Dates for your Diary:

Tuesday 12th September - Meet the teacher 3:30pm in Year 3 Classroom.

Monday 16th & Tuesday 17th October - Parents evenings.

Half term: Monday 23rd October – Friday 27th October.

Monday 30th October - Autumn 2 term begins.

Week beginning Monday 13th November - Anti-bullying week.

Friday 8th December - Christmas Market.

Tuesday 12th December - Panto Trip.

Friday 15th 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 Addition & Subtraction	Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division
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 (PPA- DM)	Hinduism - The importance of home & Divali	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 (PPA - DM)	Charanga- rhythm and pitch	
PE	Dance - Enormous Crocodile Games - Tennis - with Coach	Gymnastics - with Coach 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.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Blackburn
(Class Teacher)

and

Mrs Henley
(Teaching Assistant)