

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome to Alloa class! I hope you all had a lovely summer and your child is looking forward to the year ahead. In this letter I have included some information which will help you this coming year.

Our **P.E.** lessons will take place on a **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Your child will need to wear dark coloured shorts and a white t-shirt for indoor P.E. sessions and for outdoor P.E. sessions they will need to wear trainers/plimsolls, a white t-shirt and a dark tracksuit top and bottoms if the weather is cold. Please ensure that all of your child's P.E kit has their full name inside. I would recommend that your child's P.E. kit remains in school for the duration of each half term to ensure they always have it, or if it is taken home on a Friday to be washed then it is brought back on Monday ready for the week.

Reading books will be sent home daily. This book is for your child to read with you. After reading the book please discuss the characters, setting and events within the story together as this will develop your child's comprehension. You may also wish to sign and date their reading records and include any comments you have about their reading. I would encourage you to listen to your child read for about **10 minutes every day** at an appropriate time and place to make the reading experience comfortable for you and your child. Please make it clear in their diaries if your child has finished the book with you. We will then ask them some questions about the story before changing their book. During the week, your child will have the opportunity to visit our School Library. They will choose a book that they would like to bring home to share with you. This book will need to be handed back before they can choose a new one.

From next week we will begin setting homework on **Fridays**, to be handed back the following **Wednesday**. Homework in Year 3 will vary depending on what we have been learning that week and may include Reading, Writing, Maths and Topic work. In addition, your child will receive spellings and times tables to practice based on those they are learning in school. These will be tested each week. Regular practice will really support your child's development in these key skills.

As your child is now in Year 3 they will be able to buy healthy snacks at break time. Your child may bring in a small amount of money in either a purse or wallet that has been named.

Yesterday you received two copies of our Home School Agreement which has been shared with the children in school. I would appreciate if both you and your child could sign the agreement and return one copy to school, while keeping one copy for yourselves.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to an exciting year. If there is anything else you wish to know, or you have any other questions please do not hesitate to speak to the Year 3 team or myself after school.

Many thanks

Miss Corper

Alloa Class Teacher