

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 3 team would like to welcome you as parents and carers. We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break. Please find below information about the term ahead.

Meet the Year 3 team:



Hi everyone! I am Miss Reece and I will be the teacher for 3A and the Year 3 Lead. This is my third year of teaching at Oak Green and I am excited to be coming back to year 3 after a year in year 4. Over the Summer I read lots of books, I definitely recommend 'Journey to the River Sea' as bedtime reading, and I spent lots of time walking and cuddling my new dog Buddy.



I am Mrs Simpson and I am looking forward to teaching 3B this year. I enjoy reading, solving maths problems and love science and art. My hobbies include gardening, all kinds of art, crafts and long walks. I live in a small village with my family and I grow fruit and vegetables on my allotment. Mrs Sweetman is our class LSA.



I am Miss White, a teacher in the year 3 team and this year I will be teaching 3C. My favourite subjects include maths, English, science and art. Sometimes I paint or draw at home, as a hobby, and I also like music and going to the cinema. I live in Milton Keynes, I have two indoor cats and would love a dog one day. Our class LSA is Miss Gregory and Mrs Henry



Important changes to note:

For the foreseeable future, due to Covid-19 and the changes we are making to keep everyone safe in school, this year we are asking that P.E kits are kept at home and **worn to school in place of school uniform on PE days – Wednesdays**. This is to minimise the need for mixing classes to get changed and will allow the kit to be washed each week. Therefore, it is vital that the correct PE kit is worn to school on Wednesdays:

Our school PE kit consists of a plain white t-shirt or polo shirt and black shorts / joggers. Children MUST have appropriate trainers / plimsolls for sports, black is preferable. Due to health and safety reasons please ensure children are not wearing earrings or other jewellery on a Wednesday. Children should wear their usual green school jumpers/fleeces and NOT hoodies.

If a child arrives to school in PE kit which does not follow these regulations, you will be asked to bring the correct kit to the office. If a child forgets to come to school wearing their kit on Wednesdays, we will phone home to ask a PE kit to be brought in.

For the foreseeable future, children will keep all of their belongings under their desks in the classroom, therefore we are asking that items brought in from home are kept to a minimum – **no pencil cases or toys are to be brought in** – everything your child needs will be provided for their own use.

Absence:

While we hope that your child is never absent from school, if they are then please ensure that you send a letter, telephone the school or speak to the class teacher. Please also make sure that all of your contact details are up to date so that we can contact you if your child is unwell.



Please ensure you follow all of the additional guidance from Public Health/Government and the school regarding Covid-19 symptoms.

Learning planned for this term

English – We will be reading *The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis as our main text and focussing our writing on warning tales and then portal stories, as well as some persuasive adverts.

Maths – We will continue to teach the full year 3 maths curriculum to develop our understanding of number, arithmetic, geometry, measure, data and reasoning. We will continue to use Times Table Rockstars and Cracking Times Tables each week as we encourage children to learn their times tables facts and they need to be able to recall them at speed. In year 4, children now sit a timed times table test and it is never too early to begin practising.

Science – Light – light sources, how we use light to see, darkness as the absence of light and shadows.

Topic – Tomb Raiders – Ancient Egypt and the River Nile. This includes learning where Egypt is, life of Ancient Egyptians, Gods/Goddesses and how the River Nile supports life in ancient and present times - these lessons include Geography, History, Art and D&T.

RE – Festivals/Natural World

PSHE – New beginnings/Growth mindset/Road safety

Computing – We are presenters / We are communicators

PE & Games – Rugby, Dance and Gym

Music – Soundscapes

Home learning:

Your child will be bringing home a jigsaw puzzle of Home learning. Details of how to complete this are included with it. In addition, each week your child will be given spellings for home learning. Children will need to learn the spellings in preparation for the spelling test.

Reading

Children read daily at Oak Green School. Good reading skills are vital in allowing children to make progress and we ask that you read with your child at home **every day**. Please record any reading your child does in their KS2 planner. Children need to remember to bring their reading book into school every day as well as their planner. We ask that these books are looked after and returned in the same condition as you received them. Any books which are lost or damaged will need to be replaced at a cost of £5 per book.



Drinks & Snacks:

Please ensure that your child brings in a bottle of water to school, in addition to the drink with their lunch. Only water is allowed to be drunk during lessons. **This needs to be labelled with their name to ensure children only drink from their own bottles.** Children are able to bring in **fruit snacks only** for break times if they are finding it too challenging to last until lunch time. It is vital that all children eat breakfast in the morning, if they do not for any reason, please inform the class teacher ASAP.



Golden Values

Every child is expected to follow our Golden Values. Every Friday the children are rewarded with Golden Time. Children who choose not to follow these values may lose part of their Golden Time.

Please keep an eye on your emails for correspondence from the school regarding any upcoming important events. Should you have any questions, please feel free to come and talk to us on the playground. If there are concerns you would like to discuss in private, you can speak to the office who will arrange an appointment for you.

Kind regards,

Miss Reece, Miss White and Mrs Simpson