

# Milverton Community Primary School

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Dear Year 3 Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! It has been a pleasure getting to know the children during the transition session and since returning to school this term.

## Before school

We wanted to inform you about some of the routines that we have in place to ensure a smooth and productive day. In the mornings, the outer cloakroom door will be opened at 8.45 am to allow children to use the cloakroom pegs and for parents to write on the messages board, located just inside the door (we need to know if anybody different is collecting your child). Please encourage your child to then return to the playground until the bell rings. Before the bell, the classroom door will remain closed. We welcome parents to pop in and speak with us about any pressing issues, but keeping the door closed enables more sensitive conversations to be held in confidence. Children are not permitted at this time to wonder into the classroom with bookbags, water bottles etc. until the bell has gone at 8.55am and they are brought in after lining up.

## Reading books

Mrs Cutler has given out all the reading books (we apologise for the delay). We expect children to read at least 4 times a week to a grown-up and if they achieve this target they will get a reward sticker as well as a house point. House points accumulate and the children receive rewards accordingly. The space in the reading records is limited, so please just update us on what pages they've read and then initial. These are checked every Monday, although book bags should be brought into school every day as they may have an opportunity to read 1:1 to an adult. Children have been made aware of how to change their books.

## Homework - Spellings, Times Tables, My Maths, KIRFs

Spelling homework will begin this Friday. Spelling homework books should be returned every Thursday; further information about spellings is explained within the front cover of their homework book. Please note, this is also a good opportunity for children to practise their joined-up handwriting, where possible (this will be taught explicitly this term, with the expectation that by Christmas they are using it in all written work). We will also be continuing to learn times tables and number bonds. By



the end of Year 3 we expect children to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables with the associated division facts - a 3 second rule applies! This term, children will recap on the 2s, 5s and 10 times tables and they will all be introduced to the 3s. Weekly teaching and assessment will focus children and ensure they are working on learning these facts at home; all children will start with the basics and progress through at their own pace. 'My Maths' will start next week and will be set every Friday. Children will be assessed on the progress they have made towards their KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts) each half term. The first assessment will be on Monday 16<sup>th</sup> October and we will inform you of their results. If a child has not completed a piece of homework, it is expected that they will complete it during their lunch time, so we really do value your support in ensuring your child keeps up to date. Each homework task should take children around 20 minutes to complete and it is important to establish good routines now to help them in the future.

### PE and Swimming

PE will take place on Mondays and Thursdays this term; children are expected to have the correct PE kit in school for those sessions. Swimming will commence for Class 3 in the spring term. We will determine at the end of the 10 sessions who will continue to swim during the first half of the summer term.

### Trips and parent help

From time to time, there will be trips planned. It is useful for us to know if you are available and willing to assist on these. If anybody is interested in helping us to hear children read this term, we would also be interested to hear from you.

We have loads of exciting things planned for this term. They are an enthusiastic class and we look forward to working with them all this year. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to pop in and speak to either of us. As a job share, we communicate regularly to ensure a smooth and consistent week.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs McDonagh, Mrs Smith and Mrs Cutler  
Year 3 Team