

# Hannah Ball School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome back! I hope your child has enjoyed their first few weeks in Year 3! Year 3 is an exciting time as the children are now beginning Key Stage 2.

Over the course of the year, the children will be studying exciting new topics, exploring a variety of texts and will be going on visits throughout the year to help support their learning in the classroom as well as experiencing Enrichment Day in school.

## The Year 3 team

Mrs Barker is the class teacher and the Learning Support Assistant is Mrs Hernandez. We work as a team to ensure that all children receive the necessary support to make the relevant progress for Year 3. The children will work in small groups focusing on areas of the curriculum that need more support.

## School Uniform

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform every day. **All uniform must be named.** If earrings are worn, because your child has recently been pierced, then they should be covered by tape. Otherwise no earrings should be worn. Long hair should be tied back neatly.

## PE

Please make sure your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE kit on **Wednesdays and Thursdays**. Year 3 swimming will commence in the summer term and a letter will be sent out closer to the time.

If your child cannot take part for a particular medical reason, then please make sure you write a note for the teacher.

<u>Indoor P.E</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E</u>	<u>Swimming</u>
Black plimsolls	Trainers (any colour)	Swim shorts/
White T- shirt	Black jogging bottoms (trousers/leggings)	Swimming costume
Black shorts	White T-shirt	Towel
	Black sweatshirt or jumper (no zips or hoods)	Goggles

## **Curriculum, Teaching and Learning**

Attached is this term's topic overview. We will share curriculum topic overviews with you at the beginning of each half term. These can also be found on our website under class areas. In addition to topic overviews, you can also access knowledge organisers under class areas. Knowledge organisers are a summary of the key facts and essential knowledge that pupils need about a topic or a curriculum subject. We hope these will be a really clear and an easy way for you as parents to be more aware of what your children are learning at school and thus help you support them.

## **Reading books and Reading Planners**

These should be in a school book bag and brought into school **every day**. Reading records will be checked daily and reading books, changed weekly or as necessary. Please make sure you record any reading your child does at home in their Reading Planner, otherwise their books will not be changed. The expectation is that your child will read to an adult at home every day. These Reading Planners will also act as a home-school diary, however if there is something immediate that the class teacher should know, and then please inform them before school.

In addition to their reading book, your child will also have the opportunity to visit the school library for extra reading books that interest them. They can also share these books with you at home. Your child can access all the books in the library on the website MyOn, the children can then assess their understanding by completing questions on Accelerated Reader. The passwords to these sites can be found in their Reading Planner.

## **Homework**

(See Homework Guidance attached)

## **Spelling**

Spelling words will be sent out each week in their homework books. The relevant spelling list must be learnt each week and the children will be tested the following Thursday. They should also complete the sentence activity for each list as well. This helps them to understand the meaning of the words and how to use them in context.

## **Times tables**

In addition to spellings, children will be tested on their timetables every Wednesday and Friday. It is important that they practice these as part of their Maths homework each week. The children can access Times Tables Rockstars to improve their knowledge. It is important that the children complete the challenges and do not get other siblings to complete it for them.

## **Fruit**

In KS2, children are no longer provided with a piece of fruit however, it is important for your child to have a snack at break time and you can therefore, put an extra piece of fruit in their healthy lunch boxes.

Thank you for your continuing support and I look forward to the year ahead!

Kind regards,