November 2021

Dear Adults,

Welcome to Term 2!

I hope you had a super October break. Primary 3 had a great and busy term 1, their break was very well deserved.

Please ensure that your child comes to school prepared with a pencil and a rubber.

All belongings - school clothing, jackets, bags, pencil cases, packed lunches, and water bottles must be named. This allows for easy return to the owner should anything get lost. It is preferable for pupils to wear shoes with Velcro fastenings to school. If your child’s shoes do have laces please ensure they know how to tie these and continue to develop this skill at home.

**Numeracy**  
In numeracy, we will be consolidating knowledge of addition within 100 and introducing subtraction within 100. Pupils will also learn about money, thinking about the cost of items and consider budgeting.

**Literacy**  
Spelling homework will be given out weekly via Google Classroom. The list of words with their specific sound will be taught in class on a Monday and reinforced in school with other spelling activities during the week. For homework pupils will be encouraged to revise the words and try to find other words with that sound. Every so often, I will give the pupils a short dictation passage which will contain the words and sounds they have been learning.

Grammar and writing will be taught weekly, and pupils will work on their handwriting regularly.

Reading will be taught twice a week, either on Monday/Thursday or Tuesday/Friday. The reading books which go home will have been prepared at school and pupils will build their knowledge and understanding of different texts. Please spend time going over the reading with your child to reinforce accurate and fluid reading, and good comprehension. Throughout the week pupils will be given time to silent read in class. We do have a selection of books available in the classroom but your child can take a book in from home if they wish.

**Topic**  
This term we will begin by continuing our learning about Ancient Egypt. This is a topic the pupils have been enjoying and there are still opportunities and ideas to explore. The second half of the term will see the pupils thinking about Enterprise. This will tie into our numeracy topic: Money.

**P.E**This term P.E will take place on a Monday and Wednesday between break and lunch. This will take place outdoors and pupils should be appropriately dressed including footwear. Velcro fastenings for shoes are preferable, if shoes have laces please ensure pupils can tie these themselves. In addition to timetabled P.E lessons, pupils will take part in the ‘Daily Mile’ most days around Bourtree Park. Please ensure your child has weather appropriate clothing and footwear with them each day.

**Timetable**

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|  | **9-10.55** | **11.15-12.50** | | **1.50-3.20** | |
| **Monday** |  | P.E | | Assembly | |
| **Tuesday** |  |  | RME  Mrs Storey  12.20-12.50 & 1.50-2.20 | |  |
| **Wednesday** |  | P.E  Miss Kevan | |  | |
| **Thursday** |  |  | |  | |
| **Friday** |  |  | | Golden Time | |

**School Diaries**Pupils should continue to take their school diary to school each day, I appreciate your support with this. At the end of term children will be given an ‘Effort, Attitude, and Behaviour’ report in their diary. Please read and discuss this with your child and add your own comments in the boxes.

**Class Rules**We worked as a class to agree on our class rules. These are:

1. Be kind to everyone
2. Help each other
3. Follow the Golden Rules
4. Sit nicely
5. Listen carefully to everyone
6. Put our hands up
7. Keep hands and feet to ourselves
8. Move around the classroom sensibly
9. Use manners

**Learning Celebration Books**Your child will have opportunities throughout the term to add achievements to their celebration books and take these home to show you. Please feel free to add a comment and ensure the book is returned to school.

Thank you for your continued support.

Kind regards,   
Miss Mellis