

## Newsletter Autumn Term 2024 -Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year! We hope that you have enjoyed your summer holidays. We are confident that we will be able to work together in order to provide the children with a happy and productive year. Please send in a labelled water bottle for your child on a daily basis if you have not done so already.

### **Miscellaneous**

As the children are now in Key Stage Two, they are allowed to bring in their own equipment in their school bag. They may bring a pencil case (nothing too large as this will cause problems with space on the tables and in their trays) which may contain a pencil, 30cm ruler (not the bendy or fold in half types please), a sensible white rubber (this is to avoid smudging in their workbooks), a small selection of colouring pencils, (no felt pens or gel pens are needed) and a pencil sharpener. Please ensure all equipment is clearly labelled, thank you.

Your child will have one PE session per week. The lessons may alternate between inside and outside, weather dependent. Your child's PE session with Mr Zarkadoulas and Mr Christoforou will be on a Wednesday morning. Please ensure that your child comes to school in PE Kit every Wednesday for the full day. If you would like to purchase new PE kit, please visit <https://www.smithsschoolwear.co.uk/product-category/find-your-school/fairfields-primary-school-and-nursery/fairfields-pe-kit/> Your child's PE kit must contain navy or black shorts, a white T-shirt (with or without the Fairfields logo), a navy or black tracksuit/jumper and trainers. Please ensure that your child's school uniform and PE kit are **clearly named**. If your child loses an article of unnamed clothing, it will be sent to lost property, which is located in the Art Block.

It is essential that you are reading daily with your child. They need to read/look at a wide range of books and not focus exclusively on books from school. Please record any additional books or texts you read with your child in the reading record book. Reading a wide range of books, listening to a variety of genres, talking about and discussing what they have read or heard will help with the understanding and appreciation of stories and other texts. Your child will need to bring their reading book to school every day. It is your child's responsibility to hand it in to ensure it is changed so they can move through the reading scheme appropriately.

### **Learning**

We continue to teach an hour of English and an hour of maths daily in Year 3. We will be sending home spellings to learn each week. These will be given out on a Monday and then tested on the following Monday and will be displayed on the [weekly parent info](#) found on our school website. We will also be continuing to use Times Table Rock Stars. We will be setting regular 'battles' between the classes to help the children learn the relevant times tables. The children will be notified when these 'battles' are. It is essential that your child uses this website frequently as homework to consolidate their knowledge. The children will have received their log on details inside their reading record book. If you have misplaced this, please come and see us. In history, the children will be learning about The Stone Age. They will learn about life from The Stone Age through the Bronze Age and up to the Iron Age. In science, the children's topic will be Rocks, Fossils and Dinosaurs.

### **Trips and Workshops**

We have lots of exciting trips and workshops planned for the children in the autumn term. For some trips and workshops, there will be a small cost involved that we would be grateful if you could contribute to. In RE, the children will be focusing on Hinduism and the festival of Diwali. To bring Diwali to life, on Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> September we have booked 'RE on Demand' to bring their Diwali workshop to Year 3. We will ask for a voluntary contribution per child. This will be confirmed nearer the time. Alongside our Stone Age to Iron Age topic, we have planned a trip to the Celtic Harmony Camp in Brickendon on Monday 11<sup>th</sup> November. Details about this off site day trip will be emailed out to you nearer the time. We also have a visit from the Lowewood Museum on 22<sup>nd</sup> October to talk about pre-history and timelines with the children. There is no cost to the school for this workshop.

We look forward to working with you and your child in the year ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Weatherhead, Miss Cooper and Mrs Cooper