

FOXHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL



'MEET THE TEACHER' LETTER - YEAR 3

Here is a little more information to get you up to speed with Year 3 and the changes now your child is in Key Stage 2!

Year 3 Staff

- Year 3 is taught by Mrs Dean (Monday to Thursday) and Mr Hall (Friday). Miss Smith, Mrs Mitchell and Mrs Jackson are our Teaching Assistant team over the week, with Mrs Cook as our Cover Supervisor on Wednesday morning. Mr Holmes will teach some of our P.E.

Uniform

- Your children have made a very smart start, thank you!
- Please double check your child's name is in all uniform, coat, P.E kit and their book bag - things can get misplaced easily with 30 children!

Children should wear: black skirts or trousers, white polo shirt, red sweatshirt, cardigan or fleece and black flat school shoes.

P.E Kit

P.E Days are Wednesday and Friday (although it helps if children can leave their kit at School, in case these days need to change).

Indoor kit: white PE t-shirt, black PE shorts and pumps/trainers,

Outdoor kit: tracksuit (as dark and plain as possible please), pumps/trainers.

Children must have the correct footwear to take part in P.E for Health and Safety reasons.

What to bring/What NOT to bring

- Please bring book bags, reading books and reading records every day.
- Children may bring a piece of fruit or veg to school for playtime. Alternatively you can contact the officer to order a daily snack and/or milk.
- Children may bring something to show and discuss that is linked to one of our topics.
- On Friday children may bring in any certificates, badges or trophies rewarded at home, to show in our Celebration Assembly.
- Please do not bring or wear jewellery (except studs), nail varnish, mobile phones, large hair pieces or toys. Personal water bottles are also provided by School and filled daily.

Year 3 Curriculum Additions

- We will return to PE twice a week.
- Children continue to be taught cursive handwriting and are encouraged to use it. They will work towards a pen license when joined handwriting is fluent and accurate.
- KS2 children start to learn a modern foreign language - we have already made a start on Spanish!
- This year we are excited to introduce a new PSHE curriculum called Jigsaw, which also incorporates Circle Time, mindfulness and growth mindset (such as resilience) alongside personal, social and health education.

Hometime Changes

- We shall bring Year 3 children to the bottom of the KS2 steps, to give them more space to look for the adult who is collecting them.
- KS2 children are reminded they cannot go unless they can see their adult. Staff will be there to assist them, but they are not 'handed over' in the same way as in Year 2.
- Please inform us if anyone different from normal will be picking up your child.
- Ensure your password and phone details are up to date with the office please.
- Please inform Fox Club if your child will not be attending on a day that they normally do.

Homework

- Spellings are sent home at the start of a half term and are available on our Year 3 webpage. We have a test each Wednesday. **Week 1 spellings are to be learnt during Week 1 of the half term, then will be tested on Wednesday 15th September.** Please continue to learn each week's for a test the following Wednesday. Your child will continue to learn the same colour spellings as they did in Year 2 for now - the colours are indicated on one sheet to reduce paper.
For example: **eighty** (red and blue groups learn) **heard** (red, blue and green groups learn)
- Children will be given homework activity books for English and Maths. They will write in their reading records which tasks or pages they are to complete each week. Homework books will be sent home Thursday, to be returned Monday please (or earlier if you like to get it out of the way!) The activities will **consolidate** something learnt in the week. If your child struggles with any homework please do write a note in their book and we will go through it with them in class.
- We continue to encourage reading books to be read **at least three times a week** at home and please do write any comments in the Reading Record book. Your child's bookmark gives some ideas of questions to ask whilst reading, as the focus of reading becomes increasingly comprehension based as your child moves through School. Please also feel free to comment on other books or comics that you have shared too.

Rewards and Sanctions

- Children in Key Stage Two are divided into three houses: Cook, Shaw and Hockney.
- Children earn house points for good work, good behavior, politeness, etc. They work to be 'on merit' each week by achieving one of the top 6 totals in the class, or be on 'special merit' for impressing in some other way. These children will wear a badge for a week, presented in Thursday's KS2 Achievement Assembly.
- We have a positive behaviour traffic light system where children aim to stay on **green**. Children who really impress will earn a prize!
- Moving to **orange** is a signal to stop, think and improve/change behaviour.
- If any child ends up on **red** they will be given a playtime or lunchtime detention. This will take place with a KS2 teacher.
- Other rewards include Foxhill Focus certificate in Assembly.

If there is anything you need to tell us or ask during the year, we will be happy to help. Please contact me by phone after 3pm or in the playground. Class emails will be used in the event of home learning.

Many thanks, Mrs Dean