

Subject: Year 3 Meet the Teacher Information

Dear Parents and Carers,

Thank you to those who were able to attend our Year 3 information meeting. For those who were unable to join us, we wanted to share some of the key information that was covered.

We have had a really positive start to the year, with the children settling well into their new classes, building friendships and becoming familiar with routines, expectations and our school values. Across the year group, all staff work closely together and teach all of the children, whether in class, in small groups or through individual support, allowing us to get to know every child well.

This year is packed with exciting learning opportunities. Our autumn topic, **It's Only Natural**, has a science focus and explores habitats, animals, the human body and our local area before expanding to the wider world. The children will enjoy a visit to the British Wildlife Centre and take part in engaging writing projects inspired by a fox who has lost its home and *The Enchanted Wood* book. In the spring term, the children will study the **Ancient Greeks**, creating their own myths, taking part in a drama workshop and exploring Greek culture through a variety of practical activities. They will then move on to a geography-based **Volcanoes** topic, investigating the structure of the Earth, working collaboratively on projects and presenting their learning to parents and carers. During the summer term, the children will explore **World War II**, including an Evacuee Day, a visit to Henley Fort, letter writing and the opportunity to write from the perspective of an evacuee throughout the topic.

A few practical reminders: classroom doors open at **8.30am**, with early morning learning beginning straight away. Registers are taken shortly after **8.40am**, so children should arrive promptly. From now on, children should make their own way into class from the lower playground. At the end of the day, children are collected from the playground at **3.15pm**, where a member of staff will remain on duty until all children have been collected.

Please remember that break-time snacks should be healthy and packaging-free where possible. Suitable snacks include fruit, vegetables and other healthy options. We also ask all families to remember that we are a **nut-free school**.

PE lessons take place on **Mondays and Thursdays**. Children should wear black or navy shorts or joggers, their house PE top, house fleece and trainers. Swimming will begin for **3AL on Monday 14th September**, with 3D swimming in the spring term and 3L swimming in the summer term.

At home, we ask children to read regularly, with adults recording reads in their reading record. Please read with your child at least three times a week. We will continue to support reading through banded books, fluency work and phonics where appropriate, while also encouraging reading for pleasure. Weekly spellings can be found on the **Just the Letter You Know (JTLYK)** on the website, and Times Tables Rock Stars logins will be sent home shortly. Little and often is the most effective approach for both spelling and times tables practice.

Please keep an eye on key dates throughout the term, including Parents' Evening, Fluffy Fridays, school trips and Christmas performances. We are always grateful for parent volunteers on trips and events, as these opportunities would not be possible without your support. We also appreciate your patience with the current ParentMail issues. While these are being resolved, please check your child's bag regularly for any hard-copy letters that may be sent home.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team

Holy Trinity School