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Dear Parents/Carers,

Firstly welcome back to the start of another school year and also to the start of Year 3. I thought I would take this opportunity to tell you a little about Year 3 and some of the things we will be doing this term. In the Year 3 classroom there is myself, Dot Seabrook, and my teaching assistant Mrs Gibbard.

Our creative curriculum topic, until Christmas, will be based around 'THE RAINFOREST', where possible all of our lessons and skills will be linked to our topic. As a 'WOW' start to our topic the children have a very exciting morning planned on Thursday 7th September – I will pop some pictures on Class Dojo, in the afternoon, for you to have a look at.

I use Class Dojo as a means of letting you know, and see, what the children are doing in class and regularly upload photos and videos of the children onto our class site. I also use it to send home reminders and messages for our class and last year it was used as an invaluable tool as a means of communicating teacher to parent as well as parent to teacher. However, messages should not be sent regarding absences from school as the school office needs to be notified direct of these. If you are not currently signed up to this free APP if you pop in and see Mrs Gibbard she will give you the required paperwork to get you started.

As the children are now in KS2 regular homework will begin to play an important role in your child's education. The children will have a separate book to complete their homework tasks in with clear expectations outlined inside the front cover.

- *All homework will be set on a Monday and due in on Friday – hopefully not having too much impact on out-of-school clubs and busy lifestyles. This will normally be a maths task **and** a grammar task.*
- *Children complete their home-school-diary with clear instructions on what they have to do.*
- ***At times** Activelearn tasks will be set online – for those children without internet access at home a club is run during Wednesday lunchtimes. It is the children's responsibility to attend the club when necessary. Your child's login details can be found at the back of their home-school-diary.*
- *Children are expected to read **at least** twice throughout the week at home and complete their diary with a parent's signature – house points are given for reading at home and signed diaries. Children who do not read at least twice a week at home are kept in for extra reading during a Monday break time.*
- *Remember it is your child's homework, not yours, and all work set is reinforcement of work covered in class. It should not become a battle with your child to complete – they will have to deal with the consequences if they choose not to complete it.*



An additional project sheet will be sent home shortly to be completed over the autumn term – this is set to encourage research skills and to allow your child to be creative with their choice.

Times tables are a huge focus during Year 3 and this term will be starting our times table challenge with the children. All children, regardless of their ability, start on the 2x table. Once the challenges have been completed correctly the children begin to progress, at their own speed, through the times tables. As each stage is completed certificates are awarded in assembly. A parent session to watch some of our maths activities is planned for Thursday 28th September at 9.15am. If you are unable to attend do not worry as I will send home packs of activities.

PE kits should be kept in school during term time, as we sometimes have extra sessions provided by external trainers provided at short notice. Our usual P.E sessions are on a Wednesday and Thursday, however this term we will be swimming on a Monday – a letter outlining this will follow shortly.

On a Thursday afternoon Mrs Cupit will be taking the class, as it is my planning and assessment time – which ensures continuity for the children as Mrs Cupit worked with the children last year.

If you need to speak with either of us please pop in to arrange a mutually convenient time; it is not always the best time to discuss an issue when the class is sat ready to start their day. Parents evening to discuss how your child has settled into Year 3 will be held the week beginning 2nd October.

I hope this letter has been useful and I look forward to a good year.

Mrs Seabrook



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Dear Parents/Carers,

During the year your child may be given the opportunity to try a variety of foods to enhance the curriculum. To avoid sending you a letter of consent each time we intend to send an annual form at the beginning of each new academic year.

Please complete the slip below and return by Monday 11th September.

Thank you.

Dot Seabrook
Year 3 Class Teacher

Child's name: _____

Please tick as appropriate

My child has no known food allergies

My child has a food allergy

Please give details below of any food allergies:

I give consent for my child to try a range of foods

I agree to inform the school in writing of any changes to the information above

Signed _____

