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Gulworthy Primary School Class 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome to a new school year. I hope you all had a great summer break. Class 3 comprises of a mixture of Year 5 and Year 6 children. There will be me, Mr Taylor: the class teacher, Mrs Paton and Mrs Durkin. Mrs Paton will be in class every morning and Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday afternoons. Mrs D'Silva will be in Class 3 on a Thursday afternoon. Here is some more information that you

Reading at Home/ Homework

The expectation in Class 3 is that your child is reading regularly at home. This could be on their own or with an adult supporting them in their reading by means of hearing them read occasionally. Reading little and often (around 10 minutes a day) and focusing on: sounding out unfamiliar words, checking the meanings of words and checking for overall understanding of what has happened are all great ways to help your child with their reading. Each time you notice your child reading at home, please write a comment in their reading diary. Books are changed as and when needed. If you have a query, please either see me on the gate or use the reading diary as a further way of communication. This year, library books will be changed every Friday to allow all children the chance of accessing more non-fiction texts.

Your child will also receive spellings on a weekly basis. We dedicate two lessons on spellings in school each week, so children become familiar with their knowledge and understanding of the vocabulary. The expectation is on continuing the learning of their spellings at home.

Every fortnight, your child will be given other homework however this will be clearly stuck into their homework diary and they will be given ample time to complete this. This could include comprehension, times table rock stars, maths challenges or a project.

Monday Afternoons

The class teacher on a Monday afternoon will be Mrs Hopkins. She will be covering my PPA time. She specialises in History and Geography and so she will be taking these two subjects (and French) throughout the year alongside Mrs Paton.



Rewards

Class Dojos are used throughout the school, as our reward scheme. Dojos (points) can be earned for many things: helping others, good manners, trying hard etc. Your child will be awarded a certificate when 25, 50 and 100 Dojos have been earned. It's worth noting that at the end of each week, we look to see how many times children have read at home and, if the Reading Record Book has been completed at least four nights out of five, your child will be awarded three Dojos.

Furthermore, we will be continuing with Golden Time on a Friday afternoon. This is when children have free time as a reward for their hard work during the week. Every child begins the week with 20 minutes free time. Time will be removed for not sticking to our Class Golden Rules, which the children have had a role in creating. Removal of any Golden Time will only happen after suitable warnings and an explanation of why the behaviour was inappropriate.

PE Kits/ Forest School Clothing

Please make sure that your child has their PE kit, in school at all times. This should be a white t-shirt and black shorts with suitable trainers. All items should be named. We will endeavour to keep PE to the same afternoon each week however we are influenced by the weather! We will do Forest School periodically through the year (hopefully during the warmer and drier months!) and you will be notified regarding clothing for this in advance.

Stationery

Children are welcome to bring in a pencil case from home with a pencil, handwriting pen, ruler, rubber and coloured pencils however, all of this is supplied in school, so it is not necessary.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask me.

Mr Taylor