Sheringham Community Primary School

Welcome to Year Three

Our Team

Mr Harvey (Monday – Wednesday) – 3HM

Miss Murray (Thursday and Friday) – 3HM

Mr Perry – 3P

Teaching Assistants

Simon Mansell

Gail Barker

Welcome to Year 3

We are delighted to welcome your children, and we really hope that your child has a happy and successful year, one in which they will continue to grow both in independence and confidence.

P.E.

Your children's PE days are Tuesday and Wednesday. On Tuesday, PE will be with Mr Harvey and Mr Perry, children should wear their usual school uniform but come to school in trainers instead of regular school shoes.

For Wednesday PE, we ask that children come to school in their complete P.E. kit, including trainers. Unless it is very wet, we will continue to do P.E. lessons outside so a tracksuit type outfit will be necessary for the winter months. P.E clothing should support our uniform policy, white t-shirts and blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms. All jewellery should be removed on P.E. days please, earrings can be taped up.

Reading

It is incredibly important to be reading or sharing stories with your children. Role modelling good reading habits yourselves will also show your children that reading can provide lots of pleasure. When reading with your child it is important to ask a range of questions to check their understanding of the story. Although your children are becoming increasingly independent readers it is vital that they continue to read aloud to an adult at home at least three times a week, this is part of the school's homework policy, and must be documented in your child's reading record, which will be checked weekly.

We will complete reading assessments with all children throughout September, once these are complete, children will be able to check out 2 books from the school library. one decodable book which will be specific to their reading level. This book should be prioritised when your child is reading aloud to you. Their second book will be what we refer to as 'reading for pleasure' book. This book can be any from the entire library selection, from fiction to non-fiction, poetry to picture. Children have complete free choice; therefore, it may be above their fluency level, this is the ideal book for you to read to your child.

Arriving and Leaving School

Please ensure that children are not at school before 8.30am as there are no staff on duty to supervise them and they will not be able to enter the classroom. When children arrive at school, they should independently come to the classrooms via the front playground and in through the door near Mrs Blake's classroom. If you need to speak to a classroom adult, please go to the school office. A member of staff will come and get us, and if we are available, we will come to the office to speak with you. Please do not come round to the classroom door with your child, as this can cause disruption to the start of the day and staff may not be able to speak with you at that time.

At the end of the day, they should be collected from the back playground. Please inform school if arrangements change for collection. Otherwise, the children will be accompanied onto the playground to meet you by a member of staff. Please can we ask you to be prompt in collecting the children as staff have meetings and clubs to attend after school.

Homework and Rewards

In moving to Year 3, we have high expectations in terms of workload and behaviour. On top of reading at least 3 times a week, there will be an expectation that all children complete at least half an hour of Maths Whizz at home every week gaining at least 1 progression. We will celebrate those children making the best progress in class and during celebration assemblies. Additionally, children will write their weekly spellings in their records to support practising these at home. There will be a weekly spelling quiz, and the results will be written in the record. Homework will be sent home in books every Friday to be handed in the following Friday.

Now the children are in Key Stage 2, they begin on the school's merit system. This is continued through until they leave primary school. For children to receive their weekly merit, they must have completed all homework. This includes reading 3 times with an adult and 30 minutes of Maths Whizz with at least 1 progression. They must have attended at least 3 days of school of the week and be dressed in the appropriate uniform or PE kit. We really look forward to celebrating these achievements and can't wait until merits start becoming Silver Awards!

School Dinners and Snacks

Children will no longer receive a fruit snack from school as in Year 2 so we ask you to provide a healthy snack. If your child would like a hot dinner and they are not eligible for free school meals, payment should be made through Parent Mail as per the information sent out from the School Office. Lunches are eaten in the canteen.

Lockers and What to Bring

The children must keep everything inside a locker and so need to bring only the essential things. They should also have a coat every day as we may be out at play when it is lightly raining.

A named water bottle, to be kept in class should also be brought every day please. We would appreciate your help in these containing water only as spillages are far less damaging to books and work than juice or squash!

We have worked hard to provide the children with pens, pencils and other resources that are kept in their own tray underneath their desks. Please see below for an example of the weekly timetable.

Keeping in Touch

Please do E-mail or telephone the office with any questions, concerns or queries. The staff will happily forward them to us and we will get back to you as soon as possible. We are so excited to be your children's year 3 teachers. Thank you as always for your support.

Miss Murray, Mr Harvey and Mr Perry