

## Welcome to Year 2/3!

I hope you are looking forward to Green Class as much as I am! Just in case you are wondering about our new academic year, here are some useful pieces of information.

### English.

Our daily English lesson will be an hour each day, in this we will be learning lots of different sentence types and openers, writing extended pieces and using a range of texts to improve our love of writing. Your child will have **weekly spellings (to learn)** and a test on **Wednesday** - to assess their understanding. Each week you will be able to visit the school library and borrow a book, you can exchange this weekly or keep it until you have finished it.

### Spelling and Grammar

In Year 2/3, we will have a SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) lesson on a daily basis to ensure that we begin to prepare your children for the expectations of our year groups.

### Maths.

We will cover a range of mathematical topics such as: place value and calculation; fractions and decimals; measures such as weight, distance, time and capacity; data handling; shape and shape properties. We will use a two-weekly assertive mentoring test to practice mental maths skills on a Tuesday morning, teaching directly any weaknesses the following Tuesday. 'Times tables' will be high priority as we aspire to complete and improve our 22, 33 club scores, as well as competing in the termly TMPF 'times tables' challenge.

### PE

Our PE day with ASM (sports coaches) will be every Monday afternoon. From September, we are trialling a new approach to PE. **We want children to come to school dressed in their PE kit.** This will mean that your child will not miss out on valuable lesson time, no PE kits will get lost and we can all enjoy longer PE lessons! Our PE uniform will be, **a yellow/gold t-shirt, navy blue jogging bottoms or blue shorts**, depending on the weather, **a royal blue hoody and trainers.**

### Swimming.

In Year 2/3, we will be swimming all year. We will begin our swimming lessons on **Tuesday 11th September**. For this it will be a one-piece swimming costume for girls, swimming trunks for boys and a **swimming hat for both boys and girls** - should hair be long. Don't forget a towel! If goggles are needed to be worn, a letter to give permission is required.

### Topic.

In September we will be learning about **World War 1**, fitting in with the Centenary celebrations. We will also be learning about clothing, animals, inventions from that period and life for children. Also, looking at different artists and styles of art from this period. In Design and Technology lessons we are going to attempt some cooking! Our focus for Geography will be the countries which were involved in the war and maps and we will also be learning about the importance of Remembrance Day.

### Homework

Homework is **set** each **Friday** and is to **be handed in on the following Wednesday**. It is usually a piece of Maths and English. Every week a set of spelling words will be sent home again on a Friday and the test will always be on the following Wednesday. We ask each child to **read at least 5 times per week** and to have their **reading diary signed by an adult** for them to collect valuable dojos! Diaries will be collected daily. Please feel free to write in any messages/questions in the diaries if you are unable to speak to me on the yard.

Wow! This sounds like a busy term. I hope this is of use, any questions please come and ask.

Mrs Stanway