

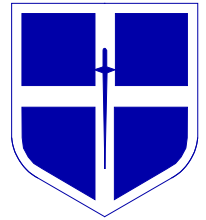
# ST PAUL'S C of E COMBINED SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

## **Year 3, Sparrows Class, Autumn Term**

Welcome to Year 3. I hope that you had a lovely summer and that your child is feeling ready to start their Key Stage 2 journey. I am really looking forward to getting to know all the children, and working in partnership with you to ensure a happy and successful year.

A reminder that the playground gates are opened at 8:35am for a soft start and children will be set a maths activity to complete whilst everyone get ready to begin the day. At the end of the day, I can only dismiss your child to their designated adult. If there is a change to your child's normal routine, please send an email to the school office with details of the change. You are required to provide a password if the adult collecting your child is unknown to me.

### **Our Curriculum**

I hope that your child will enjoy our curriculum and find it to be engaging and interesting.

In Literacy, the children will look at the books 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth', 'Stone Age Boy' and 'The Rhythm of the Rain'. Through these books, we will cover instruction, narrative and explanation writing. The children will also be encouraged to share their love of reading with the rest of the class.

Maths will begin with understanding place value. We will then move on to working on the number system involving addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The focus this year will be helping the children to master the concepts of maths, to become fluent in their understanding and reasoning and to be able to solve mathematical problems using the knowledge they have gained.

Weather, climate zones and the water cycle will be taught in Geography. French will begin with greetings and numbers.

In History, the children will be learning about the Stone Age and Bronze Age. Art will be looking at the great artists and how they draw. After half term in Design and Technology, the children will be investigating where different foods come from. They will also look at varieties of sandwiches and then design and make their own.

Our RE topics start with Do Christians have to take communion and Is light a good symbol for celebration.

PE will focus on social and personal aspects such as teamwork. Games sessions will be developing our handball and creative dance skills.

In Computing, we will be understanding computing systems and networks followed by stop-frame animation.

Music will begin with ballads and then move on to creating original compositions.

PSHE will focus on 'Being me in my own world' and celebrating differences.

### **Home Learning**

I greatly value your support in enabling your child to access and complete their home learning.

Home learning will be sent out via Teams after our first couple of weeks of settling back into school.

| Subject and detail  | Day given out  | Day due in  |
|---|--|---|
| <b>Home learning choice</b><br>Please select a piece of home learning from the list to complete (approximately 30 minutes). | Thursday<br>(Given out via Teams)  | Thursday by 9am<br>(Please upload your child's work, or a photo of it, via Teams) |
| <b>Spellings</b><br>Try to revise daily please.   | Tuesday<br>(The words will be available on Teams. We will also go through them in class on Tuesdays) | There will be a weekly test in class every Tuesday.                               |

### **Reading**

Please listen to your child read 4 times a week, or more! Please log this on Boom Reader. Discussion of the text is greatly encouraged and highly beneficial. Your child's books will be changed on Monday this term, and so please make sure that they bring their Oxford Reading Tree books to school on that day.

Library day will be every Monday. If you have finished your library book, this is the only day that it will be changed so put it in your bag over the weekend.

**Our PE days are Wednesdays and Fridays.** Your child should come to school in their PE kit on Wednesdays and Fridays. Earrings must not be worn on PE days.

### **Please provide the following items for your child:**

- Pencil case containing: HB pencils, colouring pencils, rubber, sharpener, ruler and a glue stick.
- A reading book, which they may read independently during the school day.
- A bottle of water.
- Weather appropriate clothing, including a coat.
- Some fruit or vegetables for a break time snack, to keep their energy levels up!
- A packed lunch (if you haven't ordered a school lunch).

If you are able to avoid large rucksacks and big pencil cases, that would be very helpful as our storage space is limited.

Any donations of boxes of tissues for the classroom would be greatly appreciated please.

Please **name** everything!

If you need to contact me, this can be done by emailing the school office who will pass on your message.

I look forward to a successful and fun year together.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hamm.

Year 3, Sparrows Class Teacher.

