



Wyke Regis Primary Federation

Inspiring Hearts and Minds

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Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would all like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 3. We hope that they will find the coming academic year enjoyable, exciting and challenging. We are all really looking forward to it.

We begin our year with the very exciting topic – What’s Inside? This topic has a strong science focus, the children will learn all about the different parts of their skeletons and the muscles that support it and focus on how to keep themselves happy and healthy. They will also have a fun half-term home learning project, exploring all the different foods that different animals eat. After half-term we will be moving on to another exciting topic – Dark!

We want to continue to foster confident readers who have a love of books. Please help us by ensuring that your child is reading regularly at home for at least 20 minutes at a time and recording this in their reading record. **Please ensure that you sign your child’s reading record at least once a week to confirm that they have been reading at home.** We have lots of exciting rewards in school for children that are reading at home but they will only qualify for these if you sign their record. At KS2 we use a computer program called Accelerated Reader; this gives the children a reading age and a selection of books that they can choose to read. When they have finished reading their book, they take an online quiz that shows how well they have understood what they have read. **We will put a short video on Google Classroom explaining how Accelerated Reader works, explaining our wonderful new reading/homework journals and sharing our excited rewards as soon as your child has taken their first online quiz, (this will be done at school).**

Spellings will be set each week on Google Classroom. Your child will also have a spelling sheet each week to help them learn those spellings off-by-heart. We will test spellings on a Thursday each week during our spelling lesson. We will also be setting different Times Tables for your child to learn off-by-heart. We will be helping your child learn these tables in school but would also appreciate your support in encouraging your child to visit the Times Table Rockstars website at least 4 times a week and helping them to practice their times tables throughout the week. The children will also have a topic-based project to be completed across each half-term that they will bring in to share with the rest of their class and proudly display in the classroom or corridor areas.

Thank you to all those children (and parents) who have already signed into Google Classroom. We are aiming to use this resource a lot this academic year, this is where we will share important information, home learning activities and best of all, photographs/videos of all the fun we are having in school.

A full school uniform list is available on our school website. However, we would like to remind you that socks should be plain black grey or white and not trainer socks; hair accessories should be simple and in school appropriate colours; jewellery is limited to plain, round stud earrings and a watch; and nail varnish should not be worn. Children can come to school on PE days wearing their PE kits, this is plain black tracksuit bottoms (on colder days) or black shorts, T-shirt for their house and purple school hoodie. Please ensure

everything is named including all PE kits, coats, lunch-boxes and jumpers as this will mean it is more likely lost property will find its way back to the classroom. PE days are on **Tuesday** and **Thursday**.

It is important that your child brings a named water bottle to school and we encourage them to drink throughout the day. They should also bring in a piece of fruit or a vegetable snack to eat at playtime. It is very helpful if this is not in their lunchbox so that children can easily remove it from their bag at playtime.

It is lovely to see you all at the end of the day. Please be sure to give us a big wave when you see your child so that we know they have gone home with their parent or carer. If going home arrangements are going to be different at the end of the day please could you inform us in the morning or contact the school office to inform us of the change of arrangements. If you have any concerns or question and wish to contact us please telephone the school office or send an email to the following address, which will be forwarded to your class teacher. junoffice@wykeregisfed.dorset.sch.uk

Kind Regards

The Year 3 Teaching Team