

ST MARGARET CLITHEROW ROMAN CATHOLIC PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers of Year 3,

It has been a pleasure to welcome you and your children back to school after the summer holidays. It has been a very successful first week back and we have been so impressed at how quickly and sensibly the children have settled into life as juniors. Mrs Howard is now in her second year of teacher training and will be teaching 80% of the timetable in Year 3. I will continue to be in the classroom too, supporting her with her teaching. The children are very lucky to have two teachers in the classroom! Here's to a great autumn term! I have a few reminders for you:

Homework

The children will receive weekly spellings and maths homework as well as a weekly reading comprehension. These tasks will be sent home on a Friday to be returned on or before the following Friday. The children's spelling test books will be kept in their book bags so that you can see their progress and to allow you to revisit any incorrect spellings again at home. Please make sure that their spelling book is in their bag on a Friday for their spelling test. You will find a pack of the spelling lists to be learned during the autumn term in the children's book bags. Please ask the children to use the activities in this pack to help them learn their spellings. In addition to this, the children will have access to the 'Spelling Shed' website on which they can play games to help reinforce their spelling words. You will find their login details in the front of their reading record.

Times tables

Whilst in Year 3, the children will be consolidating their understanding of the 2, 5, and 10 times tables and learning to count in 3s, 4s and 8s. To support them with this, the children now have access to the 'TTRockstars' website which we will be using at school but can also be logged into at home. Please find the children's login details in the front of their reading record.

Reading

Thank you, as always, for everything you do to support the children's reading at home. We ask you to spend at least ten minutes each day enjoying your child's school reading book with your child. This could include listening to them read, reading to them to model good expression, or talking about the book. When talking about the book, you can use the questions in the centre of your child's Reading Record as a guide. You and your child can write in the Reading Record to keep a note of the date and page read, as well as any tricky words or observations about the book. If your child writes in the book, we ask that you sign each entry. When they have finished the book, they can exchange it for a new one.

Snack

Now that the children are in KS2 they are no longer provided with a free daily fruit snack. If your child would like to bring in a piece of fruit from home to eat in the morning, they are more than welcome to.



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Pencil Cases

In KS2 the children can bring in a pencil case to organise their stationery. Please ensure this is simple (nothing too large or distracting!) and should contain a pencil, sharpener, and rubber. This is not essential however, as we have all the necessary equipment in the classroom.

If you would like to discuss anything at the end of the school day, please feel free to do so after all the children have been dismissed. We are very much looking forward to working with you this year and thank you in anticipation of your support as we look forward to a busy and exciting term.

Yours sincerely,

Ms Coleman
Year 3 Class Teacher

Mrs E Howard
Trainee Teacher

