## 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 few days back and I have been so impressed at how quickly and sensibly the children have settled into life as juniors. Here's to a great autumn term! In Year 3, we are fortunate to have Mrs Tillbrook working with us.

The children will receive weekly spellings and maths homework as they did in KS1. In addition to this the children will also be expected to complete 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 learnt 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. The children now also 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.

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 'TT Rockstars' 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.

Thank you, as always, for everything you do to support the children's reading at home. Please continue to encourage your child to read a little each day, and as widely as possible. We will change the reading books as often as we can at school and will check the children's reading records weekly.

I know some children like to bring in their own pencil case, however, this is not essential as the school provides all the equipment they will need. If you are happy for your child to bring in a pencil case, can I ask that it is a small, plain zip case which won't distract your child or other children on their table during the day.

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. A water bottle is also a great way for your child to stay hydrated during the day and great for the environment too!

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. I am very much looking forward to working with you this year and thank you in anticipation of your support as I look forward to another busy and exciting term.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs E Howard Year 3 Class Teacher