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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. In Year 3, we are fortunate to have support from Mrs Tillbrook who will be working with me and the children. Here's to a great autumn term!

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. There will also be a weekly times tables test completed in class on a Friday, details will be sent home each week with their homework.

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. I will be in touch towards the end of Year 3 when pencil cases will be introduced ready for Year 4.

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