**Year 3 Newsletter**

Dear Parent/Carer,

Welcome to Year 3. We hope your child is going to enjoy their year as much as we’re looking forward to it. They all had a great year in Year 2 and we aim to build on this and ensure your child settles in during the transition to Key Stage 2. The year is packed full of fun, which will include an exciting opportunity for your child to attend Ford Castle. We can’t wait to get started and we are looking forward to getting to know your children.

**Reading**

In Year 3 we have high expectations for reading; we would ask your child to read at home with an adult 3 times a week and parents or siblings must sign reading records every time they read. Each term your child will be rewarded with a celebration reading party if they have successfully read 3 times a week. We don’t ask that you read a full book with your child as we understand how busy home life can be, all we ask is that you read a couple of pages and then ask your child a few quick questions to check their understanding of what they have read.

**Homework**

This year, the format for homework will be the same as it was in Year 2. We will be continuing with homework grids and your child will be expected to choose activities and complete them. Pupils will bring their homework book home and will need to return it to school once they have completed a piece of homework. If your child completes a certain amount of activities they will be rewarded with a homework party. Homework will not be sent out until September and each homework grid will be related to the topic.

**Spellings**

Spelling is a big focus throughout the school and your child will be tested on their weekly spellings every Friday. They will receive their spellings every Monday and we ask that you help us by discussing spellings with your children and allowing them time on a night to practise them. They will also be learning them daily in school.

**Times Table**

Times tables are really important in Year 3 and all children need to be able to know and say most of their tables up to their 12s. Please ensure all children are learning times tables at home because throughout the year they will be tested regularly in order to achieve their bronze, silver and gold awards. As you are aware, we have rewards for children who learn their times tables and we have recently started using Times Table Rockstars. You can access this at home by downloading the free app. Children should know their log in details, if not please see your child’s class teacher and we would be happy to provide them.

**Topics and Trips**

During Autumn Term our topic will be ‘Et Tu Brute’ therefore our learning will be heavily linked towards the Romans. We will be looking at the life of a Roman, finding out where they invaded and looking at the variety of Roman armour. In English, your children will be learning about Pompeii, creating an adventure story and writing a non-chronological report. Our educational visit for this term will be a day in the life of a Roman where you child will have many opportunities to discover more about Romans.

**PE**.

We hope to deliver 2 PE sessions a week to your child over the Autumn Term. Your child will take part in PE on a Tuesday afternoon and then another session will be delivered later in the week, which we have not confirmed a date for yet. Therefore, with this is mind please can your child bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and then bring it home to wash on a Friday. Can we please remind you that our school policy on PE kit is a white tshirt and black shorts. Your child may bring black tracksuit bottoms and a jacket/jumper for the appropriate weather conditions.

Lastly, we would like to say that we are very approachable and if you ever have any concerns or anything to discuss, please come and find us. Can we remind you that in Year 3 free fruit is no longer available, therefore your child may bring a healthy snack to school for break time.

Thank you,

Mr Farrier and Mrs McGregor.