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Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Class 3! I am really looking forward to teaching Year 3 this year, assisted by Mrs Reid who will be teaching the children on Thursday mornings and Mrs. Fawcus who will be teaching the children in Forest School on a Thursday afternoon. We will all be supported by our teaching assistants, Miss Tritton and Mrs. Hingley. Most of the children's learning will be based around the text 'Wolves' by Emily Gravett and if your child has not already read this, please do not let them - it is an important part of their learning to make predictions on what may happen next. I am attaching the Learning Web so that you can see all the learning that will be taking place over the first two terms. If you have any queries or want to talk anything through, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Year 3 is a big step up for the children as they are moving from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2, where they begin to learn to work more independently, both academically and in all other aspects of their school day. Please encourage your children to sort out their own book bags, ensure that they bring in their homework on the correct day and have a correct PE kit in school at all times etc. This independence helps them to learn to their best abilities and to have confidence to challenge themselves further.

Although I know many of you are familiar with the routines and arrangements at school, please do take a moment to read through the following information.

Homework for Term 1 will involve English and Maths weekly tasks. These will be given out and marked on a *FRIDAY*. These tasks will incorporate an English Comprehension activity which I will then mark with the children, so that it can be used as a teaching and learning opportunity. The maths activity will involve work we have been covering over the week to reinforce the children's learning.

Times Tables will also be a key feature of the term and a weekly test will take place every Friday, when children will be encouraged to improve their scores from the previous week. Please help your child/children with this. A great website to help with this is www.timestables.co.uk, where children can practice and test themselves against the clock. Spellings will be given out weekly and tested on a Friday also.

Please could I ask for your support in ensuring your child reads regularly at home, as this will have a huge impact on the work we do in class. The children can select a book from school or may prefer

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to read a book from home. I will be introducing a 'borrowing box' into the classroom, which will be full of my selection of children's books, all of which I have read. I am happy for the children to borrow any book to read and take home, though I would please ask that you ensure that the children look after them carefully. If you need any ideas on encouraging your child to read or help on choosing what to read, then please do not hesitate to ask me.

Ideally we would like children to be reading for approximately 20 minutes per evening. As part of the weekly homework your child will be asked to complete a Reading Diary comment. This will entail them writing a paragraph of 4-5 sentences at the end of the week (for your information the full details of the requirements are in the front of their Reading Diary.) This will also be checked on Fridays. Please encourage your child to engage with the book they are reading and write an appropriate review. Your child/children will also take part in group guided reading in class and reading to an adult in school.

The children will receive Cricket lessons with 'Chance to Shine' on a Monday afternoon, which will begin on Monday 12th September. The children will also receive a second PE lesson with me on a Friday afternoon. Please ensure your child has a full PE kit in school every day – sometimes we have to reschedule our PE lessons due to other commitments or we may have an extra session in the week!

Thank you in advance for your support.

Donna Spencer Class 3 Teacher

Useful Dates for the term:

Friday 4th September – First day back.

Wednesday 25th September – Harvest Service @ Church – 1.30pm – WHOLE SCHOOL

Thursday 24th October – Parents Evening

Friday 25th October – Break up for HALF TERM

Monday 4th November – School re-opens for children

Friday 13th December – Christmas Jumper Day

Thursday 19th December - End of Term and Christmas Service @ Church – 1pm

(Please note that these dates and times are subject to change but I will endeavour to let you know of any changes in good time.