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Welcome to Year 3/4

Welcome back to school! Your children have settled well and made an excellent start to the new school year. This letter outlines our expectations in Year 3/4 and includes key information about routines and procedures. An overview of the curriculum themes for the year is attached.

Start and Finish Times

Thank you so much for your support with the changes we have had to make to our start and finish times.

Already during this second week we have seen great improvements in the way the children are entering and exiting the school. In light of these changes, please be assured that your child is losing no curriculum time. Please see the table below. In order for the requirement to reduce congestion and allow for social distancing we have had to stagger start and finish times. In order to do this, we have simply reduced lunch times to allow for different finish times. Y3/4 now has a 40 minute lunchtime, as opposed to a 60 minute lunch, to allow for the end time having to be 20 minutes earlier. This allows for other year groups and phase bubbles to finish at different times too, with no loss to their curriculum time either.

Pre-Covid	Currently
Morning session: 8:55 a.m.-12:00 p.m. (total time 3hours 5mins) Lunch: 12-1p.m. Afternoon session: 1-3:30p.m. (total time 2 hours 30) Total curriculum hours: 5 hours 35 minutes	Morning session: 8:55 a.m.-12:20 p.m. (total time 3hours 25mins) Lunch : 12:20-1.00 p.m. Afternoon session : 1-3:10 p.m. (total time 2hours 10mins) Total curriculum hours: 5 hours 35 minutes

Registration Classes and Year Group Sets

We have three registration classes in Year 3/4. Mrs Bennett's, Mrs Cope's and Miss Smith's. For core subjects we are lucky to have another member of staff able to teach. As a result of the curriculum design, and the needs of the children post-closure, we are therefore able to deliver Spelling, Reading, Writing and Maths in single year group classes. All information regarding current class sets will be stuck in your child's planner. These groupings may change throughout the year based on their needs however, registration classes will not change.

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PE

Children should come to school dressed in their PE kit on PE days. This information is stuck in your child's planner. Please be mindful of the weather and ensure that children come equipped with waterproof clothing if necessary.

Mrs Smith's Y3 class set - Monday am

Mrs Bennett's Y3 class set - Tuesday am

All Y3/4 - PE Tuesday pm

Mrs Cope's Y4 class set - Wednesday am

Mrs Littlewood's Y4 class set - Thursday am

Please still send your child in PE kit, should their session be that day.

Independence

In Year 3/4, we continue to develop children's independence skills. We expect the children to store all of their belongings in their locker. To minimise movement around the school, jumpers/cardigans should remain in the classroom on the back of their chair. Please ensure all belongings are clearly labelled with their name. Every morning, children will be responsible for selecting their own lunch by referring to the weekly menu.

Home/School communication

In order to reduce congestion on entry in the morning and at the end of the day, please use Class Dojo to communicate any messages with class teachers such as lost property, informing us that your child is going home with someone else or general queries. For other issues or concerns, please arrange a meeting with the class teacher or phase leader via the school office. Please note due to current COVID restrictions it is advisable to have a meeting via Zoom or telephone.

If there are any written messages or return slips, please give this to your child to pass on to the class teacher. We currently **do not** check bookbags/bags.

Planners

Planners should be available in school every day and children will be asked to get them out of their bags for checking when required. A member of staff will check planners once a week and sign.

Home Learning

Home Learning is an important element of the partnership between teachers and parents in Year 3/4 as it supports the weekly learning we do in school.

Maths	Reading	Spelling
<ul style="list-style-type: none">Doodle Maths- daily challenge e.g. 5 a day/6 a day etc. just once a day, five-seven times a week.An 'extra' set may appear from time to time based on their learning that	<ul style="list-style-type: none">At least four times a week.Planners will be checked once a week.Extra vocabulary activities that relate to in class reading will be sent weekly to discuss. Please find	<ul style="list-style-type: none">New spelling shed assignments will go live each Monday.Children will complete various spelling activities daily in class sets. Teachers will check spellings through dictated sentences each week.

week. Please complete this in place on top of your daily practise.	these in your child's planner.	
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Home Learning includes:

Home Reading

We would like you to read with your child **at least 4 times a week**. Please record in their planners when and what they have read. In addition to the school books, reading can include; books from home, comics, newspapers, magazines and appropriate web pages.

Spelling

Spellings will be given in the form of a set of words, not numbered spelling cards. These words follow a spelling rule that is taught over four weeks. The children will have copious opportunities to learn and apply such rules throughout the week. Teachers will check application of these rules through dictated sentences each week. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings through Spelling Shed.

Spelling is a crucial skill which is a key component of the Key Stage 2 curriculum. Children must be technically accurate to achieve 'the expected standard'. This means that they must be able to use Key Stage One words and Year 3/4 words as appropriate when writing.

Healthy Living

If your child brings a packed lunch, please keep items to a minimum as the children have limited time to eat their lunch. Please remember we do not allow sweets or fizzy drinks in school.

Your child can bring a healthy snack (fruit or vegetables) to eat at break time. Some popular choices are an apple, some berries, carrot sticks etc.

Allergen information - we are a nut free school and we have children who are anaphylactic so please be considerate of this at all times.

Keep in touch

Please use our website and download the Class Dojo app to keep up to date with class stories. Your child will automatically be added to their new class.

We are very keen to hear if you feel things are going well, or if you have concerns that we can address. Most concerns, if addressed quickly, can be sorted out informally, so please do try to talk things through with your child's class teacher. If you feel it would be more helpful to raise concerns with a leader in school, please speak to the Year 3/4 Phase Leader, Mrs Bennett, in the first instance.

We look forward to an exciting, hard working year with your children.

Kind regards,

The Year 3/4 team