

Meet the Teacher - Wednesday 14th September

Staff

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Teachers: Angela, Kathy TA's: Catherine Young (Mon, Tues, Thurs, Fri), Suzanne Perrin (Wed)

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Teacher: Emma

TA's Charlotte Fletcher Mon – Wed am, Hester Challis Wed pm - Fri

Introduce ourselves

Medical

Please make sure we have an inhaler to keep in the classroom if your child is an asthma sufferer. Medical forms can be collected from the Office.

Year 3 routines

As last year can come into classroom after gates open at 8.40am to hang up coat, change books, go to the toilet, hand in homework etc so ready for the start of the day at 8.50am or stay in the playground!

Afternoon play only until half-term. Not supposed to go to the toilet in lesson time in KS2. Will be lenient at first but please send in a note if your child needs to go for medical reasons.

Pencil cases – they don't need to have one but if they do please make sure it is named and not too big as need to fit in tray/bag. All pencils should also be named just in case dropped on floor etc. Useful to have small glue and black handwriting pen which they will only need when they have a licence!! There are lots of different handwriting pens so will need to select one eventually that fits your child! (Show some)

PE kit, trainers, jumpers etc all need to be named. Lots of time wasted trying to locate missing items. Peg space very tight so not too big bags please – drawstring one fine for PE kit. PE is very important so children **will** be expected to take part and substitute kit will only be provided in exceptional circumstances. If trainers are not available, children will be required to do PE in their school shoes – the only exception will be ballet pumps.

Timetable - Games taught by Ultimate Coaching on Monday afternoon and indoor PE on Friday morning.

English – Whole class spelling – RWI, 3 sessions per week. Non-negotiable writing rules and class spellings (see board above) will be supplemented by spellings identified from RWI (see homework).

Guided reading sessions/reading roundabout will run daily from Monday. Banded books – kept on corridor, children can change daily if necessary but do keep until finished. Free readers and non-fiction books selection in both classes.

Reading is most important part of homework and we would hope will be done every day – please record in reading record (your child can do this BUT must be signed by you.)

Mathematics – Children have been split into three sets. These will run 4 times a week – Mon, Tue, Wed and Thursday then a class based, investigation / problem solving lesson on Friday to consolidate work learnt during the week. Refer to letter from Mrs O'Neill – remember these sets are flexible and children move between them as necessary.

French – children learning French every other week.

Homework – SET ON FRIDAY, RETURN BY WEDNESDAY

Homework will consist of BMBT (times tables or number bonds practise) and one or two other activities eg English, mathematics, science or topic. Will not be onerous and sometimes will be research. This should only take 20 mins per activity. It can be done on the computer but please try to encourage children to write some homework as practising handwriting vital as in KS2 SATs handwriting important.

Please write a note if there is a valid reason it could not be done. Without a note we may end up nagging the child!

Parent help – If interested, please let us know and we will be in touch.

Would really appreciate offers to hear individual readers either first thing (8:50am) or at the end of the day (3pm). Also may be able to provide training for parents interested in providing specialised support through Toe by Toe and Word Wasp interventions. Please let us know times and days that you are available - timetable on table please fill in with email address and we will get back to you!

Art and Topic work is usually on a Thursday pm. We may ask for additional help for one off topic, art or DT work.

Butser Ancient Farm – Wednesday 5th October

Will be asking for parent help – please sign up if you have DBS clearance and are interested in coming along. Will notify parents either way by a letter asap. Warm OLD clothes as it can be cold and children will be getting dirty (chalk, mud/daub).

Feel free to speak to any of us about any concerns. Before school not the best time, so call or email the office to check when is convenient. Emails just brief to state illness etc all good – if detail about child may need appointment.