

Dear Parents,

The Year 3 team would like to welcome your child to Elmbridge Junior School, where we hope they will have both a productive and enjoyable learning experience. We feel it is important to provide information regarding the curriculum, timetable and homework, which we hope is of use to you.

Our Year group currently consists of the following members of staff.

- Class 1
 - Mrs Gronow (class teacher)
 - Mr Dean (teaching assistant)
- Class 2
 - Mrs Mackie (class teacher)
 - Mrs Cowley (teaching assistant)
- Class 3
 - Mr Feltham (class teacher)
 - Miss McTaggart (teaching assistant)

Curriculum

Enclosed is an overview of the topics will be covering in Term 1 and 2. We encourage you to support your child in their education. This can be done in a variety of ways, varying from the more obvious, such as support and encouragement over homework, extending to taking your child on relevant topic visits (Gloucester is a great place to learn about the Romans!) or exploring and searching the internet for relevant information.

P.E. lessons will be on the following days:

- Class 1
 - Monday and Thursday
- Class 2
 - Monday and Thursday
- Class 3
 - Monday and Thursday

All children should wear appropriate P.E. kit (track suits may be worn outside during colder months). All watches and earrings must be removed and hair should be tied back. The children should leave their P.E. kits on their pegs during the week and if they need washing they should go home and be returned the following school day.

Homework

Pupils will receive weekly spellings to learn. They will all be provided with a list on a Friday in their Home School Diary. These spellings then need to be learnt and revised over the course of the week ready for the following Friday when the children will be tested.

We feel it is important for parents or carers to read with their child as frequently as possible. This not only improves fluency in reading but also encourages understanding of the text as you discuss and anticipate the story together. Reading is a major building block for the rest of your child's education, so please do not underestimate its value - hopefully you will enjoy sharing this time with your child too! The home reading scheme will begin shortly and you will be advised of this in a separate letter. In the mean time, please encourage your child to use the local library.

Numeracy homework will begin in Term 2 and this will be given out on a Monday and is to be returned the following day, on Tuesday. The children will also be asked to complete a Roman project, details of which will be provided later. If you feel you want to encourage your child further please take your inspiration from the topic sheet provided.

Home School Diary

Your child will come home with a Home School Diary, which is intended to be a means of communication between school and home. Please see the insert inside the diary for more details. This diary does need to be in school EVERY DAY in order for it to be an effective way to communicate. Please refrain from using this diary to inform the school of holiday requests and reasons for absences.

Parent Helpers

We would be delighted to accept any offers of help from parents, either with reading or as an extra pair of hands on school trips. Please advise one of the Year 3 teachers or complete the form below.

Snacks

In our efforts to become a healthy school please can we remind you the children are allowed only fruit and vegetables at playtime. Also children are encouraged to bring in a water bottle (with a sports top to avoid spillages) to keep them hydrated throughout the day.

We hope this information is of use to you and will enable a smooth start to Year 3 for both you and your child!

Thank you for your support.

The Year 3 Team

Please tick and return to ensure letter has been received.

Child's name _____

Parental signature _____

I am able to help at school with _____