



Dear parents,

Welcome back to Brookside Primary and to Year 3! This year I will be teaching the class full time, with support from Mrs Peatman, Mrs Smith and Mrs Parr. Mrs Hignett will teach the class on Thursday mornings.

### **Termly Topics**

Our first Autumn half termly topic is 'World Weather'. We will be using atlases and electronic maps to explore key parts of the world, thinking about climate zones and biomes. This will be followed by a history topic- 'The Stone Age' after the October half term. Please see the full subject timetable for this term at the bottom of the letter, although this is flexible! Maths and English will be taught daily, and most other subjects weekly.

### **Daily items**

Each day the children will need the following items in school:

- Reading book and reading diary.
- PE kit (lessons on Tuesday and Friday)
- Target book
- Spelling book

Please ensure these are always brought into school, as most are needed on a daily basis to help with your child's learning. Although PE lessons will only take place on two days of the week, please make sure PE kit is in school at all times as there may be other occasions when it is needed.

### **Homework**

The children will take their reading books and reading diaries home everyday, with the expectation that they spend time reading throughout the week. As they develop their reading throughout the year, this time spent reading may become more independent. However, it is important to fill in and sign their reading diary each time they read outside of school (or ask them to this and simply sign it yourself) so that this can be tracked. Do not feel you need to have listened to them read to do this!

This year, as a key stage, we are placing greater emphasis on learning spelling rules rather than simply learning individual words. At the start of each half term a sheet containing weekly spelling rules and example words will be sent home. These rules will also be discussed with the children at the end of each week (Fridays) and written in spelling books so they know what they need to learn for the test the following Friday. We will also spend time in class looking in greater detail at the rules and example words, but please practise the rules at home and try to find 10 example words (these can be written in spelling books). A spelling test consisting of approximately 10 words will take place each Friday. One mark will be awarded for applying the rule correctly, and another mark for spelling the entire word correctly.

Timestables are a key foundation of maths and underpin many areas we will cover this year. It is expected that by the end of Year 3, children should be able to quickly recall and use number facts (multiplication and division) for the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 timestables. Each week we will focus on a different timestable (or combination of timestables). As part of Times Table Rockstars, the children will do two timed practices as part of maths lessons each week before completing a final timed test each Friday. Their score and time will be recorded in their target books. Using the TTRockstars app is a great way to practice timestables (although obviously not the only way!) and I would encourage your child to engage with this at home. Usernames and passwords will be sent home shortly.

In addition to doing the expected reading, spelling and timestable practise, the children will receive a weekly piece of homework, given out on Monday's to be returned the following Monday. Please note that children are not expected to spend any longer than 30 minutes on this work. In the second part of the Autumn term, one larger piece of topic homework will replace weekly homework.

**Keeping up to date**

To help stay up to date with everything that is going on in the class please check the Year 3 page of the school website (I will endeavour to upload important documents here) or follow us on Twitter (@brooksideY3). In order to follow you will need to make a request and let the school know your Twitter name so that I can accept you.

I appreciate that this is a significant amount of new information so if you have any questions regarding any of the above or anything else then please come and see me at a convenient time.

King regards,

Alistair Lead

*Y3 Class Teacher*

8.50 - 9.10		9.10 - 10.10		10.15 - 10.35		10.50 - 12.00				1.20 - 2.15		2.30 - 3.30	
Mon	Mental maths	Maths		Assembly	B	English	L	Q U I E T  R E A D I N G	Science	B	Computing		
Tue	sPaG	Spelling	PE	R	Maths	U	English		R	German/PSHE			
Wed	Handwriting	Singing assembly/ KS assembly	Maths		E	English	N		Topic	E	DT/Art		
Thu	LCWC	Handwriting	Music (Mrs Hignett)		A	RE (Mrs Hignett)	C		English	A	Maths		
Fri	English	Spelling test/ TTRockstars scores	Maths		K	English	H		PE	K	Assembly	Show and tell	