



# Year 3 Newsletter

September 2023

Welcome to the first half-termly newsletter from Year 3 staff.

What a wonderful start to the new school year - it has been fantastic to start to get to know our new Year 3. The children have settled well and become part of Caister Junior School and we are looking forward to making this year a year full of successful learning experiences! Thank you for your support so far.

## How you can help at home...

We are working hard as a school to promote regular reading at home and the practising of multiplication facts using TTRockstars.

The children will be developing strategies to help them learn and remember spellings each day in school. If you wish to practice spellings at home, then please look at the common exception words in the reading records.

## Useful weblinks:

[Parent Handbook](#)

[TT Rockstars login page](#)

## Books

This half term we will be looking at a range of books during our English and Reading Comprehension lessons. We will explore the texts of *Leon and the Place Between* by Angela McAllister and *Arthur and the Golden Rope* by Joe Todd-Stanton. Each class will also have a class reader. 3D are reading *The Boy Who Grew Dragons*, 3E are reading *The Twits* and 3S are reading *The Super Amazing Diary of a Pig*.

## Teaching and learning

We will be covering the following this half term:

- Maths** – place value 3-digit numbers and addition and subtraction
- English** – fantasy narratives, historical narratives
- Science** – skeletal and muscular systems
- Art** – contrast and complement
- Music** – ballads
- French** – greetings, colours, size and shape
- PE** – gymnastics, fundamentals
- Games** – ball skills, football
- RE** - Hinduism
- History** – The Stone Age
- Geography** – One Planet, Our World
- Computing** – Online Safety, Online Searchers and Surfers
- PSHE** – Jigsaw being me and my world



## Notices

### PE and Games

PE day is Wednesday for Year 3. Please can the children come to school dressed in their PE kit (weather appropriate).

PE kit is:

- Royal Blue Shorts
- House colour polo shirt
- Plimsolls or Trainers - non-marking
- Plain Tracksuit

If your child has their ears pierced, please make sure they have been removed or covered.

### Art and DT

We endeavour to give the children the opportunity to use a range of materials during art and design technology lessons. To try to prevent children getting these things on their uniform, please ensure your child has an apron or old shirt in school each day to use during these lessons.

### Please ensure long hair is tied up.

Please contact the school office if you wish to talk to your child's class teacher. Alternatively, if you would like to pass on a message in the mornings, a member of our pastoral team can be found at the front gate or the gate to the King George field.

## Year 3 Homework

- Reading 4 times a week** (minimum) Please record reading in your child's reading record ready to be checked by a class adult each week.
- TT Rockstars 3 times a week** (minimum) Log in details can be found in your child's reading record. .
- Use vocabulary Knowledge Organiser** to help recall learning from subjects over the half term
- Optional** - complete child-led learning (ie create a piece of art about an area/work on the computer to make a quiz/make a news report) using subject areas from the vocabulary Knowledge Organiser