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Dear Parents and Carers,

We look forward to welcoming your child into year 3. Please find below details of various aspects of the learning and organisation.

Storage

All children will be provided with their own locker. Please be aware that the Year 3 lockers are large enough for a small school bag and a coat and are not suitable for rucksacks or any additional items.

Curriculum Map

A curriculum map, which is a general overview of the learning your child will be doing, will be shared with you before the end of term. It will also be available on our website. If you require a hard copy, please contact the office.

School Uniform

All children are expected to wear school uniform. The uniform consists of a white polo-shirt or shirt; navy blue sweatshirt or cardigan (preferably with school logo); black or grey trousers, shorts or skirt and all black footwear. To avoid potential loss of clothing, please ensure all garments are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Homework

Our homework is set online. Your child's log in details will be sent home with them and also emailed to your child on Purple Mash. Whilst homework is available online, we still encourage your children to make any notes or jottings necessary to support their learning. If you have any problems with accessing the online platform, or your child has limited computer access, please contact your child's class teacher via the office.

The first week of homework will be **Monday 19th September**

Spelling: This will be set via Purple Mash every Monday. Each child should practise their spellings at home during the week and complete the Purple Mash quiz by the following Monday. They will be tested in school on the Friday. We would encourage your child to use a range of strategies to help them learn their spellings and they may wish to practise them on paper or in their green homework book which is to stay at home.

Maths: Maths homework is completed on an online program called My Maths. This will be set every Monday to be completed by the following Monday. Whilst this is an online homework, your child may use additional resources such as paper, or their green homework book to support their workings out. At the end of the homework, there is a 'mark it' icon, which will then mark and score the piece of work. Children may re-attempt the homework if they wish to improve their initial score. All scores will be reviewed by the class teacher. Additionally, we encourage your child to practise multiplication tables each week using Times Tables Rockstars, which will contribute to our champion's league competition!

Home Reading

As part of our whole school approach to reading, children will have the opportunity to choose a library book to take home. Children are encouraged to read every evening and we would ask you to record what they have read in their home-school reading journal. Reading journals are due in on a Monday so that children can be awarded learning points for their reading. They will also need to bring in their library book on their given day. Children will also have access to the Portsmouth Library Service eBook platform. Your child's library days are as follows:

3JR – Monday

3LR – Tuesday

3G – Wednesday

3W – Friday

P.E.

P.E. will be on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. It is important that your child **wears their kit into school on these days**. P.E. kit is navy blue or black shorts, plain black or navy blue leggings or tracksuit bottoms, yellow P.E. t-shirt, a navy blue school sweatshirt and plain trainers.

Children are not encouraged to wear jewellery to school, though a single pair of stud earrings and a watch is permitted. All jewellery, including smart watches, must be removed during PE and games sessions for safety. Earrings must be removed by the child or covered with a suitable microporous tape, which they provide. Teachers and other members of staff are not permitted to remove a child's earrings so they must be able to remove or cover them themselves.

Trips & Activities

In Year 3, there are a few activities for which we ask for a voluntary contribution. Please be aware that prices are approximate. At the request of parents, we have tried to detail these in advance for the year as follows:

- Design Technology activities for the year - £2.00
- Skeleton workshop using museum artefacts Free - September
- Egyptian Museum (at school for parents to visit) Free - December
- Hooke Court – 3 day optional residential visit £170 January
- Stone Age Workshop (for non-residential children) £10 January
- Southsea Seafront Free - April
- Gunwharf Quays and Spinnaker Tower £9.00 - July
- Just Different Workshop £4.00 - July

Mobile Phones and Social Media

It is recommended that your child does not bring a mobile phone to school as we cannot be held responsible for any loss or damage that may occur. However, if you decide it is necessary for your child, then they must turn their phone off on arrival at school and hand it to their class teacher at the start of the day. It will be stored in the classroom and returned at the end of the school day. Mobile phones should not be turned on until your child has left the school grounds. We would like to remind parents that the school policy is that children **should not** be using any social media platform beyond the legal age stated or without parental supervision. Therefore, any issues arising will always be referred back to parents.

Healthy Snacks

Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack for their morning break. They are welcome to bring in fruit, cereal bars or any healthy alternative. Please note that crisps, chocolate bars and sweets are not considered as acceptable healthy snacks. Children will also need to bring their own named water bottle to school, so they have access to drinking water during the day. This will be returned home each day to be washed.

Finally, if at any time you have any queries or concerns, please let us know via the school office. We look forward to working with you to ensure your child has a successful year.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 team

Mrs Robinson 3JR

Miss Reeves 3LR

Mrs Gray 3G

Miss Wilkinson 3W