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Year 3 Term 1 2026-2027

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back to school! We hope that you had a wonderful summer break and are ready for an exciting year ahead. The children have settled beautifully this week and we are looking forward to getting stuck into our learning from Monday. Our Term 1 Curriculum Overview provides details on all of the learning objectives that we will be teaching and areas that we will cover in each of our subjects this term. If you have any questions about the Year 3 curriculum, please do not hesitate to contact us.

We are really excited to be back and to begin working with you all!

Communication with staff at the school:

Year 3 class teacher email address: class3@mereworth.kent.sch.uk Please note that this email will only be accessed between **8.30am–4:30pm** each school day. Teachers have up to 48 hours to respond to the class emails due to teaching commitments. If you have an important 'on the day' message, please pass it to Miss Lavelle, or a member of staff at the school gates each morning or call/email the school office to leave a message for the relevant member of staff.

Weekly Events:

Monday	Spelling Checks
Wednesday	Home learning to be handed in Times Table Checks
Friday	Home Learning Set on either SPaG.com or TT Rockstars Reading record checks

Weekly Home Learning:

1. Reading at least 5 x per week. Please remember to ask your child a range of questions about what they have read.
2. Spelling practise for checks on a Monday.
3. Times Table practise for checks on a Wednesday.
5. Either 1x Maths (*Online Learning TT Rockstars*) or English homework *(SPaG or Reading Comprehension) which will be set on a Friday to be handed in on a Wednesday. Please note that we do not have home learning books in Year 3 as the tasks are set online.*

Home Learning Schedule:

Friday 4th September (Week 1) – TTRS
Friday 11th September (Week 2) – English (SPAG.com)
Friday 18th September (Week 3) – TTRS
Friday 25th September (Week 4) – English (SPAG.com)
Friday 2nd October (Week 5) - TTRS
Friday 9th October (Week 6) - English (SPAG.com)
Friday 16th October (Week 7) - TTRS

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This academic year, we are continuing to use our school spelling scheme 'Essential Spelling and Word Knowledge'. This follows on from the 'Essential Letters and Sounds' phonics scheme your child accessed in Year R and Year 1 as well as the 'Essential Spelling' scheme they accessed in Year 2. The term's spelling list will be emailed home to you and stuck into the children's new spelling practice books which will come home next week.

Reading:
This week we have read with each of the children to ensure that your child has an appropriate and well-matched reading book. We have been checking that children are able to read the text fluently and answer a variety of questions based on the text. If you find that your child is reading these books quickly, then please let us know as we can send home more than one. We move children onto the next level when we feel that they are reading fluently and when they are able to answer questions about the story. We do, however, want to ensure your child has read a variety of text types in each book strand to ensure a depth of reading. This ensures that they are able to comprehend the text i.e. 'how did the character feel when …..', 'can you retell the story to me?' 'Which word shows that the character felt sad?' When reading with your child at home, please ask a variety of questions so that they get more confident in how to answer them.

Forest School:
Outdoor Learning - This term we will be heading to forest school on Monday 12th October. Please could your child come into school wearing their forest school clothes and bring their spare clothes in a bag in case they get wet.

P.E
Due to the school uniform changes this academic year, children will no longer require a PE kit to be kept in school. PE will be taught twice a week (Monday and Friday this term), and children will wear their active uniform and trainers on these days. If your child cannot participate in PE, please advise us of the reason via email. If your child has pierced ears and they are unable to remove their earrings independently, please either remove the earrings or cover them fully with tape/plasters, **before coming to school** on PE days. Teachers are not allowed to remove or replace earrings. Please can children still bring in a spare change of uniform in the bottom of their school bag.

Long hair:
Please remember that if your child's hair is below shoulder length, ensure that it is tied back every day. Loose long hair is distracting and also more susceptible to head lice. This also applies to boys whose hair is below shoulder length.

The weather:
We will continue to go outside for playtimes in all weathers. As the weather is still quite warm, please ensure that your child has sun cream applied before school (or have some in their bag so they can apply it themselves in school), a sun hat to protect their face and a water bottle so they remain hydrated. Please ensure your child always has a warm waterproof coat and a pair of wellies in school.

We look forward to the year ahead with your children,

Kind regards,
Mrs Pearson and Mrs Payne
Year 3 Class Teachers