



Longridge Church of England Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Hello and a very warm welcome to KS2 (the Juniors) and in particular Year 3. Mrs Birch is our teaching assistant and she is with us every morning. Mrs Feeney will teach the class on Monday and Thursday afternoons. Here is some important information for Year 3. Please also see the Curriculum letter attached for our curriculum information for this half term.

1. **PE in Year 3 is on Thursday and Friday.** Children need to bring their PE kit in at the start of the week and place in their lockers. They can take home to wash on a Friday. Also, remember that school policy is NO earrings for PE so either take out your child's earrings at home on these days or ensure your child is able to take out their own earrings prior to the lesson. The children in Year 3 will attend swimming lessons in the summer term.
2. **Reading** Please hear your child read **as frequently as possible** - this is very important. In the reading record you will find a bookmark with some handy tips on questions to ask your child after their reading. Once your child is a fluent reader it is essential that we work on their comprehension. It is really important that you ask the children questions about their reading and develop their comprehension skills. The lovely Mrs Wardley, our fabulous volunteer, will hear the children read two/three times per week. We also have Mrs A Dewhurst who will be hearing readers too.
3. **Homework** This will commence next week. Please ensure your child completes this work as it reinforces the Maths we are learning in class. It will come home in a plastic folder on a Wednesday and please return by the following Monday.

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4. **Spellings** The children will be given a list of spellings on a Monday and tested on Friday. Please ensure your child learns these at home. The children will have a '**Spelling Frame**' log in stuck in their reading books - children are encouraged to use this in order to support them with learning their weekly spellings.
5. **Times tables** The expectation is that children at the end of year 4 will know all multiplication facts up to 12x12. At the end of year 4, all children will complete a statutory test in order to assess their knowledge of multiplication and division facts. This is called the Multiplication Tables Check (MTC). The expectation is that by the end of Year 2 the children will know the x2, x5 and x10 tables and **by the end of Year 3 they will know the x3, x4 and x8**. Therefore, very soon, we will be having times tables tests on a Monday. More information to follow.
6. **Library** We will have a school library session every Friday. The children can leave the book in school or bring home. Please ensure they return it each Friday and then they can take out another book.
7. **End of the day collection** As the children are now Juniors, the children will not be handed directly over to you at the end of the day. I will stand at the door and the children will find you on the yard. The children know that I will wait at the door and they can return to me if they cannot find you.

Thank you for your support. Please come and see me if you have any questions.

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