



# Welcome to Class 3!

Welcome to class 3! The children have settled very well into the new school year and made a very good start on their learning in years 4, 5 and 6. Please don't hesitate to come and see me after school if you have any concerns or you would like to find out more about what we have been learning, Mrs Warnock.

## Our topic for the Autumn Term is 'The World at War'

This term, class 3 will be marking the centenary of the end of World War I by finding out all about how it started, what life was like for people fighting on the front line and living in Britain.

After half term we will be moving on to finding out about World War II, focusing on life on the home front. On Monday 12<sup>th</sup> November, we will be visiting the fabulous 'Steam' museum in Swindon and taking part in an 'air-raid' experience. If the children would like to, they can dress up as evacuees for the trip to add extra authenticity. This visit also ties in very nicely with our class story this term: 'The Railway Children'. We are also hoping to see the stage play of The Railway children at 'The Redgrave Theatre in December.

Some of the children have already brought in things from WW1 to show the class. Thank you so much. If there any other artefacts that you think would be interesting, please bring them in. I will send these items home again with the children the same day as I appreciate that they are old and precious.

I am also hoping to create a 'Wall of Remembrance' with copies of photographs and photographs other memorabilia belonging to relatives of the class that have fought in or lived through the World Wars. If you have anything that would be of use, please share! It would be wonderful to hear about these brave people who gave up so much for us.

### How you can support your child this term...

- Talk to your child about any relatives that you have who fought in the World Wars or what life was like at these times.
- Show photographs, information of family members (if you have them) from this era.
- Point out anything in your local environment that has a link with WWI and WWII such as war memorials, local exhibitions.
- Watch any programmes on TV (relevant and suitable for children)
- Visit the library to find out more.
- Support with any project work set for homework.

### Other exciting things happening this term...

On Thursday 13<sup>th</sup> September, we have a whole day's workshop with Horizon, using computers to control Lego robots.

In October, we have a visit to UWE to meet 3 children's authors; more on this to follow!

Year 6 have the Bikeability sessions on Tuesday afternoons this term.



## Homework

Homework folders will usually be sent home every Thursday. They need to be returned by the following Wednesday so work can be marked and set. Homework will start next week.

Your child will be set a maths activity as well as a spelling pattern or words to learn. The children will be tested on these spellings every week.

Some weeks a further literacy or topic activity may be set. This may take the form of a written piece, poster or PowerPoint. All work should be completed neatly in pencil or a fibre-tipped pen (no biro or felt tip please!)

Please could your child read at least 3 times a week for 20 mins or every day for 10 mins. Please sign in the reading journal or homework sheet when you have done this.

The government expectation is that children should know all times tables to 12 x 12 off by heart by the end of year 4. Please could you help by practising these at home.

It is a good idea for children to do their homework over the weekend or early in the week. This way, if they have any difficulty in completing it, or need to ask for further support, there is still time to do so. Very often, if children are trying to do their homework the night before it is to be handed in, this causes stress for all concerned!

Please could parents sign the homework sheet to state that homework activities have been completed.

## P.E

P.E lessons are on a Tuesday afternoon with Mr Bevan, our Sports Coach and Thursday afternoon with Mrs Warnock. We will be visiting the leisure centre on Friday afternoons in terms 3 and 4. KS2 sports club takes place on Tuesday after school.

Please could you ensure that your child always has their full PE kit in school and that it is named. As the weather becomes colder, children are allowed to wear a track suit or similar clothing (preferably black / grey).

Please also ensure that if your child has pierced ears, they are able to remove their own earrings or alternatively have them removed before school on those particular days. If your child is unable to do PE due to an injury or illness, please ensure that you have spoken to me about this beforehand. A written note is preferable.

Your child with a drinks bottle of fresh water every day. This is especially important on PE days.

If you would like to discuss any matter with me, do not hesitate to come and see me after school. Unfortunately I am not able to see parents before school as I am setting up for the day's lessons.