

Dear Year 3 Families,



We would like to wish you all a very warm welcome back to school and to our Year 3 Class. We hope that everyone enjoyed their Summer holiday break, spending time with loved ones. In Year 3 this year your teacher will be Miss Thomas with Mrs Lloyd-Williams and Miss Sullivan (AM only until October half term) being our class TAs. Our class name is The Sea- Otters! We are looking forward to getting to know our new children and their families and having an enjoyable, happy year, building skills and fostering an enjoyment for learning and achieving new things.

Here are some pieces of information that we hope will help the year run more smoothly.

PE and Outdoor Learning in Coed Cadno will be on a Thursday, so could children come to school dressed in a suitable PE kit of loose, comfortable clothing and trainers. For our outdoor session a waterproof coat is essential as we will go out in all weather conditions.

My PPA session is on a Tuesday morning and Mrs R Davies will cover the class each week.

Reading books will need to be brought back and forth to school every day and individual children will be listened to read by an adult in school as often as possible. We will also have a group reading session every Monday morning in class, where all children will take part in reading, discussing and sharing their understanding of different group texts. We ask that throughout the week, you support your child at home by sharing stories and school books to help nurture a love of story in them. Bed-time stories are still a precious time for young children and family members to share. Listening to your child read their school books is vital, as this can be your opportunity to pronounce and give definitions of new vocabulary and discuss issues that arise and further develop their general knowledge. Adults modelling the enjoyment gained from reading a story is so precious and valuable an experience for children, as is developing their understanding, by sharing and discussing a variety of literature. We ask that you use the Reading Diaries provided to record how often you listen to your child read, celebrate their achievements and let us know of any difficulties that might arise.



Our Termly Story Board, about our class topic, showing the areas of learning we will be covering in class are available on-line.

Children can bring a water bottle to school and we are encouraging all children to bring healthy fruit snacks for morning break. We ask for no chocolate or crisps at break time please.



Please could all jumpers and coats be clearly named as it is not possible to know who's clothing is who's if not named.

Tests in class will be on a Thursday morning and will be based on homework of spellings and tables given every Friday. This gives nearly a full week to look over homework. Feeling prepared and confident is so important for learners, so working together at home to practice homework will give everyone the best chance they can. All children have completed a diagnostic spelling test to inform me of the phonic blends they are not secure in their knowledge of, and their spelling words will reflect this. Times tables will focus on 3 parts. Learning them in rote, understanding them when reversed and being able to use to work out divisible acts.



E.G.

1	2	3
$1 \times 2 = 2$	$2 \times 1 = 2$	$2 - 2 = 1$
$2 \times 2 = 4$	$2 \times 2 = 4$	$4 - 2 = 2$
$3 \times 2 = 6$	$2 \times 3 = 6$	$6 - 2 = 3$
$4 \times 2 = 8$	$2 \times 4 = 8$	$8 - 2 = 4$

There will also be termly topic related homework tasks to complete that are optional and will be posted on-line next week, in Year 3 on the school website.

I am also hoping to teach the children the recorder this year. I would like to start lessons in class the week beginning September 21st. Could I please ask if families could provide a recorder for their child by then. Many thanks. Let the tooting begin!!!



Finally, I want to reiterate a warm welcome to you all and to let you know that our door is always open, should you need us in any way. Here's to a wonderful year working, learning and having fun together.

Miss Thomas, Mrs Lloyd-Williams & Miss Sullivan

