



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. We are very lucky to have two teaching assistants - Mrs Birch and Mrs Slater. Mrs Birch is with us every morning and lunchtime and Mrs Slater is with us every morning and 3 afternoons. Mrs Feeney will teach the class on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons.

We are so glad to be back in school. We will try our best to keep everything as near 'normal' as possible but there are obviously some restrictions. This letter is to inform you of our routines in Year 3. Please see the Curriculum letter for our Curriculum information.

1. **PE** in Year 3 is on Monday and Thursday. Please ensure your child has full kit in school for these days. 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.
2. **Reading** Due to COVID 19 restrictions, we will only be able to change your child's reading book once a week. The books then need to be quarantined for 72 hours before they can go back into the reading scheme. Mrs Birch and Mrs Slater will change the books as the children are not allowed to choose their own books from the scheme. This is quite sad as in Year 3 we start to encourage the children to be more independent and choose their own books but we are unable to do this. It is really important now that it is not just a matter of hearing your child read but also discussing the text with your child, in order to check their comprehension. Please question your child in order to check their understanding of the characters and storyline. If your child is reading other reading material at home, then please add to the reading record. We have a wonderful volunteer in Mrs Wardley - she hears the children read three times a week and is fabulous at supporting Year 3 children with their reading. Unfortunately, she is not allowed in school at the moment but we look forward to welcoming her back in the future.
3. **Homework** Once again, due to COVID 19 restrictions, we are unable to use homework folders. The children will be encouraged to use online learning eg Purple Mash, Education City and Times Table Rockstars. Log ins are in the children's reading records. Please visit the one drive on our class page on the school website for weekly homework tasks. I will add a task each Wednesday.
4. **Times tables** The expectation is that children at the end of year 4 will know all facts 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. 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 Friday. More information to follow. In the meantime, please allow your child to log on to **TIMES TABLES ROCKSTARS!** Their individual log in has been stuck in their reading records.

That is all for now. If you have any questions, then please do email me c.dewhurst@longridge-cofe.lancs.sch.uk

Thanks for your support - Mrs Dewhurst

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