

YEAR three

Welcome to Year 3

Tudhoe Colliery Primary School

Miss Allan

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Autumn Term

A big welcome back from the summer holidays from myself Miss Allan. I hope everyone has had a fantastic break and all Year 3 children are refreshed and eager to come back to school. I cannot tell you how excited I am that your children will be my first class as a newly qualified teacher. I have been lucky enough to spend a lot of time with your children in class, so I already know how hardworking and brilliant they all are!

I would like to take some time to introduce the amazing Mrs Cooper who will be joining our Year 3 team this year. We are all so excited and privileged to have her in our classroom. Please feel free to come and speak to us if you have any questions or queries.

POWERFUL PLANET

This half term, our topic is Powerful Planet. During this topic we will be looking at our planet Earth and discovering its amazing features and what makes it so POWERFUL! We will delve into natural disasters and what causes them as well as looking at our planets natural beauty. For our **post learning project** for this topic the children will be given the chance to **SHOWCASE** their learnt skills by performing their own news report! Although not necessary, the children are free to research the topic at home and bring in any exciting findings into school!

OUR CLASS NOVEL

Our class novel this term will be Toto, the dog gone amazing story of The Wizard of Oz. To link with our topic, we will be exploring the terrible twister in Kansas and how it effects Dorothy and Toto's lives! The novel is a brand new release this year by the amazing author Michael Morpurgo. The children will be looking at the novel in both reading and writing and will be given chances to **SHOWCASE** their work!



PE

Our PE days will be on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. Please remember if your child wears earrings, they will need to be removed or tape should be provided. It is important that children have appropriate kit for both indoor and outdoor sessions on these days.

School Uniform

Just as a quick reminder, please ensure you put your child's name on all of their property and school uniform within school. This is so we can easily find the owner if an item is left behind. Thank you!

Pencil Cases

From Yr2-6 this year, the children are lucky enough to be able use their own pencil case from home! However please do not worry about filling them as we have brand new equipment ready for the children to use in school.



Rewarding year three

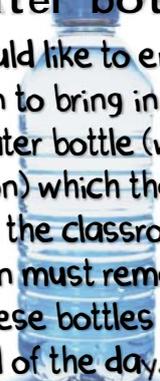
This is the exciting bit in Year 3! Our reading scheme is the same, BUT we have a few new rewards this year which we are all very excited about!

Feeling Independent? We have a big push on independence in Year 3, therefore pupils will be able to earn **diamond marks** for showing independent behaviour in and around the classroom. The child at the end of the week with the most independent marks will be able to bring a very special **guest** (ppssttt.. he is very small and his name is Happy) home for the weekend!

Our new reading rewards! Pupils will receive £1 when they read at home 4 times a week. At the end of term, the children can spend their money on books of their choice during our trip to Waterstones! These books will live in our Year 3 reading corner and will be accessible for the children to read at their leisure.

Our spelling and times table rewards are the same as last year. For practising spellings at home, the children will receive minutes on the bouncy castle at the end of term. Similarly, pupils will receive a treat token when they practise their times tables four times per week. As the children were so good at their times tables last year, our new year 3 times table targets are to practise x3, x4 and x8.

Water bottles



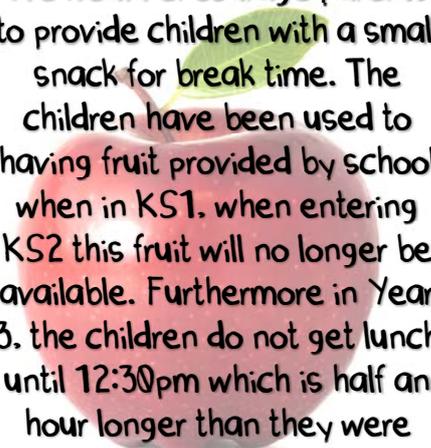
We would like to encourage children to bring in their own water bottle (with their name on) which they can keep in the classroom. Children must remember to take these bottles home at the end of the day.

Reading Books

School bags should be brought to school everyday as reading books, spelling books and any letters or forms will be put in here.

Children will change their own books as required.

SNACKS



We would encourage parents to provide children with a small snack for break time. The children have been used to having fruit provided by school when in KS1, when entering KS2 this fruit will no longer be available. Furthermore in Year 3, the children do not get lunch until 12:30pm which is half an hour longer than they were used to, so a snack at break should cure those hungry tummies!

Drop off and Hometime Collection

Please drop off and collect your child from the gate outside of the Year 3 classroom. Staff will accompany the children out of school at 3:15pm. Please remember, if you haven't already, to fill out your Pick Up Arrangements for your child on Parent Mail, so we have them on record. If there is a problem, or you are going to be late, please telephone school as soon as possible to let a member of staff know.

**Thank you for
all your
continued
support**

