



Autumn Newsletter – Year 3

Dates for your Diary

20th September- Whale and Dolphin Visitors
in Year 3

29th September- Lit Fest Schools Day

9th October – Year 3 Trip to Castletown

9th October- Meet The Teacher Evening

16th October- Book Fair week

20th October- Finish for half term

10th November- Remembrance focus in school

17th November- Children in Need Day

12th December- Year 3 and 4- Christmas
Performance (PM)

14th December- Year 3 and 4- Christmas
Performance (AM)

21st December- Year 3 Christmas Party

22nd December- Finish for Christmas

Welcome to Year 3

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and are looking forward to the year ahead.

This year, the Year 3 team is made up of Mrs. Gravestock and Mrs. Smith (the Elephants) and Mrs. George (the Puffins); Miss. Wooding will be covering Mrs. George's teacher release time. Year 3 will be supported by Mrs. Walker.

Please provide your child with a named water bottle to help keep them hydrated all day and a healthy snack for mid-morning. No nut products are to be brought into school due to allergies and ideally the snack provided should be fruit or vegetable where possible. We are an allergy aware school.

The Year 3s will all have PE lessons on Tuesdays and will attend the NSC for swimming on a Friday. Your child will need both an indoor and an outdoor PE kit in school, which will be sent home with them at the end of each half term. Long hair will need to be tied up and earrings will need to be removed before they come to school for both PE and swimming sessions. Please ensure that ALL uniform is named.



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Stay and Read

Stay and read will continue this year on a Friday. Parents are welcome to come to the classrooms and read with their child from 8:40am to 9:00am.

Home Learning

Home Learning will be added to the classes ItsLearning page. The learning will help the children to consolidate their in-class learning. There are also links to TT Rockstars, Read Theory and Spelling Shed. Please let the class teacher know if you can't access the appropriate ItsLearning page or any of the apps.

Outdoor Learning

We will be continuing with outdoor learning on a Thursday. It is so much colder and muddier at the moment so the children really need to have clothes that are warm and aren't going to get spoiled if they get dirty. **No school uniform is needed on a Thursday for Year 3.** Suitable footwear will also need to be brought in to school ie wellies- These can be left in school in a named bag.

We will be looking to start germinating seeds in the near future so if you have any spare seed packets, (or plant cuttings) they would be very welcome in Year 3.

Swimming

Children will be attending the NSC every Friday for their swimming lessons. Please check that you are providing your child with an ear band if they have recently had their ears pierced. They also need a swimming hat if they have long hair.

Home-school communication

Reminders will be posted on Dojo (whole class and individual messages if needed). Please ensure you check Dojo regularly. If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the



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school office and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see the class teacher to arrange an appointment suitable for all. Letters will continue to be emailed out via the office. Please make sure the school office has an up-to-date email address.

This half term our topic will be Mapping skills and the Isle of Man. Our Literacy is based on the book, 'Leon and The Place Between' by Angela McAllister and our Maths learning will be Place Value.

Please keep an eye on the Onchan School website- <https://onchan.sch.im/>

Many thanks

The Year 3 Team

