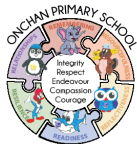




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## Autumn Newsletter – Year 3

### Dates for your Diary

**4<sup>th</sup> September** – Autumn Term Begins

**1<sup>st</sup> October** – Meet the Teacher (more info to follow).

**2<sup>nd</sup> October** – Rock Kidz

**25<sup>th</sup> October** – Last day of Half Term

**4<sup>th</sup> November** – Half Term Begins

**15<sup>th</sup> November** – Children in Need Day

**TBC** – Christmas Performances

**TBC** – Christmas Party

**20<sup>th</sup> December** – End of Term

### Welcome back!

We hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and are looking forward to the school year ahead!

This year, the Year Three Team is made up of Miss Cannell (Zebras Class Teacher), Mr Reaney (Flamingos Class Teacher), Mrs Shimmin-Munk and Miss Kniveton. I am sure you will join me in welcoming Mr Reaney and Miss Kniveton to Onchan School.

Below are a few reminders.

Please can reading books and reading journals be brought in each day, along with a named water bottle and a healthy snack. Please be reminded that no nut products are allowed in school due to allergies.

The Zebras have their PE lesson each Tuesday and the Flamingos on each Wednesday. 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 the half term. Long hair needs to be tied up and

earrings need to be removed before they come to school.

### Swimming

Each Friday the children will attend the NSC for swimming lessons.

Swimming lessons will commence on Friday 13<sup>th</sup> September. Long hair needs to be tied up and earrings need to be removed before they come to school or a swimming earring band needs to be used. All parents/guardians have been sent information about Swimming lessons. If you have not received this email, please contact the School Office.

### Reading Journals

Reading Journals have replaced Reading Records this year. Reading Journals are to be used each week by the children to complete activities. Each half term we have a focus, with Autumn 1 being Characters. There are suggestions of activities that the children can complete in the book. Each Friday, the children will show their entry to their teacher.



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Any reading at home can also be noted in their Reading Journals.

### **Stay and Read**

Stay and Read will begin on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> November from 8:45 to 9:00am. This will continue every Friday.

### **Home Learning**

Each week, home learning will be uploaded onto our Year Three Teams page. This will consist of activities that will consolidate the children's learning from the previous week. The children all have access to Mathletics at home and at school.

Please encourage your child to engage with these activities as it will consolidate their learning from the week and has a positive impact on the children's learning.

Please contact a member of the Year Three team if you are unsure of Teams login information.

### **Outdoor Learning**

We are fortunate to have a fantastic Forest School Area and School Grounds to utilise. Each Wednesday, we will be using our outdoor space for learning, including developing our team building skills, resilience and life skills.

Each Wednesday, Year Three need to come into school wearing clothes which can get muddy! No school uniform is required for this day, unless communicated in advance by

the Year Three Team. Please ensure the children have a change of shoes, so we don't bring too much mud back into the school building!

### **The Victorians and The Industrial Revolution (Autumn 1 focus)**

During Autumn 1, the focus is The Victorians and The Industrial Revolution. The children will be learning about who the Victorians were and the events that occurred during the Victorian Era. We will explore the amazing inventions that had an impact on the world and the impact that Florence Nightingale and other significant figures had on the transformation of Hospitals and Health Care. The children will enjoy a trip to The Old Grammar School and discover what life was like for children and adults in the Victorian times.

### **Isle of Man Map Skills and Landscapes (Autumn 2 focus)**

During Autumn 2, we will be developing our map skills and exploring landscapes. We will be using our observation skills and discovering key aspects of landscapes. The children will learn to use maps effectively to identify familiar locations in the Isle of Man. In addition, the children will explore the importance of keys on a map and the role have in navigating using a map.



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### **Home-school communication**

If you have any queries or need to record absences, please email the school office and they will pass on any relevant information. If you require a more in-depth chat, please see your class teacher or email the school office to arrange an appointment suitable for all.

Letters will continue to be emailed, therefore please make sure school has an up-to-date email address.

**If you have any questions please just ask.**

**Miss Cannell and Mr Reaney**

