



Ipplepen Primary School & Saplings Pre-School

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Cherry Class Year 3 Parent Letter Autumn Term

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy new Year and welcome to the Spring Term in Cherry Class. It has been wonderful to see the children again after our two week break and hear all about the magical things they got up to over the festive period.

Here are a few things you will need to know as we start the New Year:

School Day

Timings – Gates open, registers at 8.55am.

End of school day, gates open 3.15pm, end of day 3.20pm.

Uniform and belongings

Full school uniform, including smart, plain-black shoes (not trainers), is to be worn every day apart from PE days when children can attend in their PE kit. Long hair must all be tied back. Please note that the wearing of nail varnish and any jewellery (apart from stud earrings) is not permitted in school. Please ensure your child has a raincoat with them every day, as the weather can be somewhat unpredictable and that all of their belongings are clearly labelled. During the sunnier weather, please ensure your child has sun cream applied and has a sun hat to wear.

Snacks and Drinks

We remind you that children may bring in only fruit and vegetable snacks to eat at playtime. In line with school policy, please ensure that water bottles contain water only and these can be refilled where necessary.

Curriculum

We have included an overview of the curriculum in Year 3, to support you and your child as they work through the term.

Accelerated Reader (KS2)

In Key Stage 2, Year 3 will take the Accelerated Reader assessment at the beginning of the term. After that, individuals will be assigned a book at their particular level to bring home and read. We will explain more in further communication shortly.

Reading

Please ensure that your child reads daily, or at least 4 x a week at home. This may sometimes be quiet reading, but we encourage them to read aloud to an adult as much as possible





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too, as this will help to develop their fluency and vocabulary. Reading Diaries should continue to be used, with an entry each time they read. Please ensure that they are returned to school daily, as we will be checking on the reading completed outside school on a weekly basis. Please mark their reading diary accordingly whenever you hear your child read.

Reading for Pleasure

Our termly book clubs will continue to take place this year, as well as the Author Island Adventure. More information will be sent out about this shortly.

PE

We will be having PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday this term.

On these days, we ask that your child comes into school wearing their PE kit. They will not need to change into school uniform on these days.

A reminder that our school PE kit is:

- Black shorts/tracksuit bottoms (**not grey**)
- Plain house-coloured t-shirt
- Trainers
- School jumper

After half term, we will be going swimming once a week (further information to follow later this half term).

Outdoor Learning

We will be going outside for a lesson on Friday afternoons, so please ensure that your son or daughter has the correct clothing in their bags for that afternoon. Being as we can not be sure what kind of weather we will encounter, it would be useful for them to have waterproof clothing and wellingtons, just in case.

Homework

Homework will be handed out on a Thursday and should be completed by the following Tuesday. We recognise that sometimes family life can be busy. If, for any reason, you have not been able to complete homework please let us know. Spellings will continue to be tested on Wednesdays.

End of day collection

At the end of the day, safety is our priority. It is important for you to inform us of any changes to who collecting your child.





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Finally, if you have any queries about any aspect of Year 3, do not hesitate to contact us through the office or catch us at the classroom door before or after school.

Thank you for your continued support.
Kind Regards,

Ms Brassington, Mrs Clark and the Year 3 team

