



Warren Park Primary School

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3!

We are so excited to be back to school after the summer break and are looking forward to launching the children's journey through the Juniors. We have been so impressed with how well the children have come back, how they have settled into new routines, their new classes and embraced life in Year 3.

We would like to take this opportunity to introduce ourselves and share some key information with you.

Our Team:

Mrs Mulligan

Mrs Bannard

Mrs Benford

Mrs Kirk

Mrs Purnell

Mrs Foster

Miss Dugdale

Things to bring into school

We have limited storage space. Please only allow your child to bring in:

- Packed lunch box / bag (If they have packed lunch)
- A water bottle
- A warm coat (if it is cold)
- Reading and Times Table record books

In Year 3 children are not provided with a snack for morning playtime but they are welcome to bring in a piece of fruit or some chopped up fruit or vegetables in a plastic tub.

Things not to bring into school

We kindly ask that children don't bring in:

- Large rucksacks, bags or P.E. bags. (This helps us avoid clutter.)
- Cuddly toys and other things such as pencil cases and play things.

Curriculum

We have some great units of work planned for this year and have wasted no time in getting going. Hopefully, your child will have come home telling you about our English texts, 'Leon and the Place Between,' and 'The Magical Yet' or shared the walk we went on to find an ideal place for a Stone Age settlement. We will post some pictures of our first week on the website.

Some of the things we will be learning about within the wider curriculum this term include; Forces and Magnets, the journey from Stone Age to Iron Age, different painting techniques and basic computer programming. The children will also be having weekly Spanish lessons.

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As part of our History unit we are hoping to take the children to Butser Ancient Farm in November, we will send a letter out when dates are confirmed.

We are also incredibly lucky this term to have Hampshire Music Service coming in to teach the children how to play African drums. Towards the end of the term we will invite you in for a concert to showcase the children's learning.

Our day with the COSMIC team is **Tuesday**.

PE

Indoor PE – **Thursday**

Outside Games – **Monday**

We ask that your child is sent into school wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

We kindly ask that PE kit consists of a plain white polo shirt or t-shirt, worn with either shorts or tracksuit bottoms that are blue, grey or black. Normal Warren Park sweatshirts and cardigans can be worn. We would ask that children do **not** wear football kits, colours other than blue/black/grey for bottoms and any clothing with motifs or labels. On PE/Games days the children must wear trainers or plimsols not their school shoes. We have spare kit in the year group for any children that do not come in wearing appropriate PE kit.

Earrings should not be worn to school on PE days. If they are newly pierced then you should send your child in with surgical tape covering them. We only allow small stud earrings in school at any time and sleepers or dangly earrings are not permitted for health and safety reasons.

Reading

As with all year groups, reading is an absolute top priority for us; it's the key that opens the doorway to the whole curriculum. We will endeavour to hear your child read every day, either individually or as part of a group. We will also be setting reading challenges and spending lots of time enjoying reading books for pleasure. We ask that you support our work in school by hearing your child read at home as often as possible. Our school home reading policy states that all children should read to an adult at least three times a week at home. Reading a few pages and discussing what they have read will really support the work we are doing in class. We ask that children bring their reading record in everyday, we will record their weekly reads on a Friday and then will celebrate and reward reads at the end of the day on Friday. Children who do not read at home will be invited to come along to our weekly reading club at playtime. Unfortunately, there is a charge for lost books and reading records. Working together will ensure we maximise your child's progress.

To launch our Year 3 Reading Journey we would like to invite you in to a Reading Café in the school hall on Thursday 19th September at 2:30. This will be an opportunity to hear how our reading works, share a book with your child and have a story time. Please enter the school through the main office at 2:30.

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Times Tables

Children also have a 'Times-Tables Record'. This is to be used by you and your child to record their Tables practise. The record contains some ideas about how you can practise at home. Children are expected to practise their Tables a minimum of 3 times per week and bring their record book in everyday, we will record and celebrate their weekly practice on a Friday.

Within the classroom there is a tray set up with times tables practice activities, tasks and worksheets that the children can help themselves to. The children can also access Times Tables Rockstars online using their Wonde login.

Behaviour

Behaviour is managed as per the school behaviour policy. We have many incentives in place to reward and celebrate positive behaviour. We also have our zone-board in both classrooms which is used to support our approach to behaviour. If your child finishes the day at the top of the board as 'King or Queen of the Jungle' they earn credits towards educational rewards. On rare occasions a child may finish the day at the bottom of the zone board and in these instances, they may be asked to stay in during break time on the following day.

Year 3 is the start of an exciting journey through the juniors for your child. To help ensure they get the most out of their journey we work very hard at developing their independence, whether this is learning to tie their shoe laces, remembering their reading records or taking responsibility for the items in their pencil case. We ask that this is something you support us in.

Just a reminder about our start times; gates will open at 8:40 and we will open our classroom doors at 8:45. For pick-up the gates open at 3:05 and we will open our doors at 3:15. We ask that no parents are on site until gates are officially opened.

We are looking forward to working together over the coming year to achieve the best for your child. Whilst we make every effort to answer questions at drop-off and pick-up, we might not always be able to chat at these times. If we are unable to answer questions at these times, we can also be contacted by email or phone so please don't hesitate to write or call if there is something you would like to discuss.

Our email will be checked regularly.

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With our warmest regards,

Year 3 Team

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