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Year 3, Yellow Class – Autumn Term Newsletter 2025

Dear Year 3 Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new term and the new academic year!
It has been lovely to have the children back at school. They have all settled in well and we can see that they are eager to learn and take on new challenges. We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us! Our teaching team this year is Alida Du Plessis (Monday - Friday), Helen Giffen (Thursday morning). Our member of support staff will be Rosanna Rahman.
We have a busy term ahead, so here is some key information about the learning topics we have to look forward to.

Reading
In terms of reading, all children are expected to bring to school with them their reading books and green reading records every day and should be reading at home to an adult or sibling regularly - even those who are a 'free reader'.
Sharing stories together at this age is crucial and such an important part of their reading journey. As the children start to become more confident decoders and begin to read more adventurous and longer texts independently, they can become tired and sometimes disengaged. Reading together - you to them and them to you, is really important and keeps the flow of the book going, ensuring comprehension and enjoyment. Reading records should be filled in by the parents or children when reading at home. We will endeavour to check these as much as we can but please do not leave urgent messages here as they are not checked every day. In school we will be doing some one to one reading, but the focus will slowly shift to more group and whole class guided reading sessions, which focus largely on comprehension and language.

We have **library** time on a **Thursday**. Please let us know if your child is finding it hard to know what to read as we can use our library times to find suitable books for children.

As always, we will ensure we support all children's individual needs in a variety of ways. Additional support, individualised learning and interventions will continue in the children's classes. We will share any further information if necessary with parents in due course.

Curriculum focus
Children in Year 3 will be studying all subjects in the National Curriculum. Our focus for PSHCE will be settling in, being ready to learn and showing kindness. This term in History we will be learning about The Stone Age, and in Geography we will be learning more about the UK - recapping on its location and its 4 capital cities, and building on this, familiarising ourselves with the main cities, regions, rivers and mountain ranges, improving our map skills as we go. In Science we begin with Rocks and Soils and after half term, will be looking at Animals including humans. Excitingly, this year we will also start to learn French. For further details about our curriculum and subjects taught, please see the Medium Term Overview.

PE
This year we have decided that we will ask all year groups from Y1 to 6 to come into school wearing their PE kits on their PE days. We trialled this last year with Years 4 to 6 and it worked really well. We

hope that this will bring several benefits, one of the main for this age group being that we won't lose time from the PE lesson for getting changed. The children should wear the school PE kit as specified on our website Uniform - Camp along with their green Camp school Jumper or cardigan. Please note that football shirts are not part of the school uniform and cannot be worn at school for PE. Our class has **PE** on **Tuesdays and Fridays**. This will start from Monday 15th September so the children should come to school in their PE kits ready for their PE session from that day onwards. Children with long hair must remember to bring a hair tie. Simple stud earrings are allowed but not on PE days. During the school day, the children will also be completing the Daily Mile on the school's running track (3 laps of running track for year 3). Children also need to bring in their water bottles daily.

Homework
In line with our homework policy, home learning will focus on reading, spelling and maths skills. We will be setting our first homework task next week which will be some spellings and Maths. Children need to read daily and are expected to do 30 minutes of homework throughout the week. Children will be able to also practise their times tables by accessing the Times Tables Rockstars Programme daily. Try to do at least ten minutes a day, if possible. We can remind parents of any usernames and passwords that they need. Occasionally, other pieces of homework may be set, linked to a topic that we are studying. Paper copies of the homework will be stuck in their homework books or some Maths homework will be shared on Google classroom. Please encourage your child to complete their homework to the best of their ability and to return it by Thursday. Homework will be handed out on a Friday.

Toast and snacks
Children can pay for toast and milk through Arbor. They are also allowed to bring in their own **healthy snack** e.g. a piece of fruit or cereal bar. Please be aware of our **no nuts and no sesame policy** as we have children with severe allergies. Please check the labels of products carefully. When we celebrate birthdays, we ask that you do not send any edible treats in with your child, as we will celebrate their birthdays in a Birthday Assembly. We also have a craft/cooking voluntary contribution of £5 a term for **Year 3** which you can pay on Arbor.

I hope that this information is helpful to you, but please do contact us via the admin email - admin@camp.herts.sch.uk , through the office or phone if there is anything at all you want to discuss.

Kind regards,

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