

Dear Y3 Parents and Carers,

The children have settled in well and we look forward to sharing the next steps on their learning journey at The Ellis with them.

Below is information which we hope will be helpful to you.

### PE

Our PE days **Monday** and **Tuesday**. The children will be covering fundamental skills and dance. The children will need appropriate kit for outdoor PE. Please bring PE kits on a Monday and take them home on a Friday.

### Outdoor learning

There is no such thing as bad weather, only inappropriate clothing! At The Ellis we love to learn outside and in Y3 we will be using our outdoor classroom and wider school environment as much as possible. This means that your child will need appropriate footwear and coats every day. Indoor pumps will be needed in school to protect our classrooms from the inevitable mud!

### Reading Books

Your child will bring home a reading book to enjoy and share with you at home. They can also read books or other reading materials of their choosing at home. Please record in their reading diary when they have read to an adult or maybe an older sibling. We ask that reading diaries are in your child's book bag every day. If reading diaries are filled then we will send home a second diary free of charge, however if it is lost then we ask that a new one is bought from the office at the cost of £1. Your child is welcome to change their book any day of the week when they have completed it, however, it is their responsibility to ensure books are changed regularly. Children should aim to read at home at least 3 times per week and reading raffle tickets will be awarded for reading.

### Spelling books

The children will be bringing home spelling books. They will write in their new spellings on a Friday and bring their book home to practise. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every Friday. Please support your child in learning their spellings.

### Homework

Children are encouraged to be regularly practising spellings and time tables online regularly. As a school we have subscribed to websites to support the children with their learning. Seesaw will be used in school regularly and may be used for learning at home if the need arises. The children will be given their individual logins for Seesaw and TT Rockstars. Spelling Shed logins will be given out shortly. Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

You can find The Sycamores on Twitter (now known as X) @TheEllisY3. We use X/Twitter to share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information.

### Autumn 1 learning overview

#### English

We will start the half term by exploring Ug, Boy Genius of the Stone Age by Raymond Briggs. We will look at writing in character and using comic strips. We will then explore Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura and focus on speech and diary entries.

In our VIPERS (reading) lessons, we will develop our comprehension skills whilst reading George's Marvellous Medicine by Roald Dahl.

#### Maths

Miss Cook will teach Number Monday- Wednesday. Miss Beresford will teach Shape, Space and Measure on Thursday and Friday. Children will complete arithmetic tasks for morning work on Seesaw.

In Number, we will learn about place value and comparing and ordering numbers during the first weeks of Y3. In Shape, Space and Measure, we will be looking at length and perimeter.

### Science

Our Science learning will focus on keeping healthy this half term. We will look at balanced diets and getting the right nutrients in our diet. We will also look at our bodies and keeping our muscles strong and healthy.

### History

In History, we will be exploring the question 'Would you prefer to live in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age?'

### Re

In RE, we will be exploring the question 'Would celebrating Diwali at home and in the community bring a feeling of belonging to a Hindu child?'

### PE

We will be focusing on fundamental skills and dance.

### Art

In Art, we will be looking at prehistoric painting and we will be creating our own prehistoric cave paintings.

### Computing

We will be learning about computer systems and networks, particularly how devices work and the different components that make up a device. We will also cover E-Safety.

### French

We will be learning about French greetings.

### Music

We will be looking at telling stories through music.

### PSHE

We will be thinking about caring for our world and fire safety in PSHE.

Kind regards

Miss Cook, Miss Beresford and the Y3 Team