

Dear Y3 Parents and Carers,

We are very pleased to welcome your children back to school 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 **Wednesday**. The children will be covering fundamental skills and dodgeball. 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! Carpets have all been cleaned over the summer and we want to keep them looking this way.

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 but 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 Monday and bring their book home to practise. Please support your child in learning their spellings. They will be regularly assessed in their spellings. Their spelling books need to be in school every Monday.

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, TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed. Please support your child with their learning on these platforms.

Children are expected to complete an English and Maths activity each week using Mirodo. These are very short tasks and will support children with their learning in school. Any children who don't complete their tasks will be invited to a homework club on a Thursday lunch time to support them to access this.

We will be using Class Dojo share the learning we are doing at school, celebrate achievements and give information so please make sure you accept the invite to view our class page.

Autumn 1 learning overview

English

We will start the half term by exploring Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura. We will look at writing in character and narrative.

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

Maths

This half term we will be focusing on place value and comparing and ordering numbers. Children will complete arithmetic tasks for morning work on seesaw.

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 'How can Brahman be everywhere and in everything?'

PE

We will be focusing on fundamental skills and dodgeball.

Design and Technology

In DT, we will be looking at seasonal eating.

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 creating composition in response to an animation.

PSHE

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

Kind Regards

The Y3 Team