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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are just about to embark on our third full week. Your children are doing so well as there is quite a lot to get used to.

This letter is just a little reminder of expectations for reading, spellings and homework. The children are expected to start taking more responsibility for their learning and making sure that they are bringing the correct items into school. However, it would be hugely appreciated if you can ensure that you support your children in achieving these goals.

We start building the blocks in Year 3 to ensure that by the time they leave us in Year 6 they have the confidence and skills to manage navigating their way confidently around secondary school and the ability to take ownership of their own personal learning goals. In Year 3 you need to give them ownership, but still check that they have done what they need to. They will need reminding and their bags checking.

Reading: The children are expected to read daily but at the very minimum three times a week. This is to be logged on our new app 'Go Read'. Their reading book should come back to school every day.

Spellings: The children will get spellings every Friday. This will come home in a yellow spelling book which is to come back to school on Friday. They will be tested on these spellings on a Friday. No spellings were given out on the 24th September as the children will be having an internal check that will enable us to highlight gaps as a result of Covid.

Times Tables: The homework focus this term will be Times Tables. Your child on a Friday will bring a green homework book home with the tables they are working on inside. This is to be returned each Friday. Once they have mastered a good recall of that particular times table they will be moved onto the next times table. Green books did not go out on Friday 24th September.

What to Remember Each Day: We have given your child a plastic zip wallet to carry and keep safe all the things they need. We have told them to always keep everything in this wallet and to bring it into school each day. This will avoid them forgetting any items.

What to Keep in the Wallet:

Reading Book

Yellow Spelling Book

Green Homework Book

(Once homework is completed they can hand the green book into a box in the classroom).

Please can all yellow spelling books and green homework books that are still at home be returned immediately, so they can be made ready to go out Friday 1st October.

We understand it is hard to squeeze in spellings, reading and homework after a long day at school. However, now is the time to establish good habits. We are always happy to talk to parents about ways to help make this less stressful to manage. If there are any problems, please do come and speak to us. We are all working together as a team to ensure we can get the very best from your children.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 Team.