

Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to take this opportunity to wish you all a very happy new year and welcome your children back to the Spring term. I hope you all had a lovely Christmas and the children are well- rested and ready for another busy term. As a class, we had a very exciting and successful first term and I am very much looking forward to seeing Base 3's hard work and enthusiasm continue throughout the Spring term.

Our Learning Journey this term is based around three texts; The Wind in the Willows, Seal Surfer and Dear Green Peace. Our whole school theme for the term is *Water*, therefore as a class we will be focusing mainly on rivers for the first half term and lead on to the ocean during the second half term. We will be using a range of texts to support our learning throughout this term, including The Wind in the Willows, Seal Surfer and Green Peace. We will be completing a range of exciting activities to explore water as much as possible, whilst focusing on rivers and oceans and the wildlife that surrounds them in particular. Please see the termly plan for an overview of some of the learning we will undertake during the Spring term.

Base 3 Timetable

We will continue to have daily maths, literacy and guided reading lessons each morning with our afternoons dedicated to our Learning Journey, which will include science, art, music, design and technology, geography, history and computing. On a Wednesday afternoon, the children will receive an hour of RE with Mrs Clarke and an hour of PE provided by Sportscape. Our second session of PE for the week will be on a Monday afternoon. The children will continue to receive a 20 minute French lesson with Madame Sharpe on Friday mornings.

Day	8.45-9.00	9.00-9.25	9.25 – 10:20		10:20 – 10:40	10.40-11:00	11.00-12.00	11.55 - 12:55	1.00- 1:20	1.20 – 1.50 (5 – 10 min break)	2.00 - 3:30	
Monday	Registration and focus activities	Spelling/ SPAG	Literacy		Playtime	Guided reading	Maths	Lunchtime	Assembly		Learning Journey/story time 2.20 – 3.30	
Tuesday		Spelling/ SPAG	Literacy			Guided reading	Maths		Assembly	Maths – mental arithmetic Handwriting	Learning journey/story time	
Wednesday		Spelling/ SPAG	Literacy			Guided reading	Maths		PPA – Sportscape and RE			
Thursday		Spelling/ SPAG Spelling test	Literacy			Guided reading	Brass lesson		Reading for Pleasure	1.20 – 2.20 Maths	Learning journey/story time	
Friday		Spelling/ SPAG	Literacy	10-10.20 French		Guided reading	Maths		PE	Learning journey	Assembly	

Expectations

Arrival at school

Base 3 have only won one golden ticket for their attendance so far this year! Let's see if we can aim for 100% this term. Good attendance is vital for good progress. Please ensure that your child arrives at school between 8:45 and 8:55am ready to start their learning for the day. Morning activities are set up for this time to ensure all children are ready to learn straight after registration by 9am.

Monies and messages

All monies and messages must come into school via myself to assist Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Hughes in the office at the start of the day. It is important for the children to bring monies and messages in for themselves to help them become responsible and independent.

Outdoor clothing

Due to the ever-changing and unpredictable weather, it is important that appropriate clothing must be in school; in particular, a warm/waterproof coat should be brought /worn to school every day.

Snack

Snack will be available from Mrs Warner at break times each day, but if your child wants to bring a snack from home please ensure that this is a healthy snack as we are promoting healthy living.

Dinner

As a school, we offer a three-week hot meal menu with the option of a jacket potato or sandwiches should you request this for your child. A school dinner costs £2.30 per day, which can be paid through parentmail or through the office.

PE

PE kits (red top, black shorts/trousers, trainers, black jumper) must be in school EVERYDAY, especially Wednesday and Monday. PE kits should then be taken home to be washed over the weekend and brought back to school on Monday to keep them clean and fresh.

Homework

Regular homework will continue to be sent home on the following days:

- **Literacy or Maths**

A Literacy or Maths based homework will be sent home once a week on a Friday to be completed by the following Friday.

- **Times Tables**

Times tables should be practised at least 5 times throughout the week and will be tested on a Friday.

- **Spellings**

Spellings will be set on a Friday and will be tested weekly on the following Thursday.

- **Daily Reading**

Reading should be done daily, for at least 15 minutes, with comments written in the reading record and signed by a Parent/Carer. Reading diaries will be checked daily and once they have reached the top of the reading ladder they will receive a prize!

Open door

My door is always open for you to come and speak to me should you have any concerns, questions about your child's learning and progress or wish to share any information that is relevant to your child's well-being. I will be at the door every morning and after-school or you can arrange a time to meet with me at a time that is convenient for the both of us.

Dates for your Diary

On **Tuesday 29th January, from 2.30pm until 5pm**, we will be hosting a '**sharing afternoon**' where you are invited to come and have a look at the work your child has been doing throughout the Autumn term. We look forward to seeing you there.

We also are giving you notice of **Reading Week, starting on Monday 4th March**, with **World Book Day** (and dressing up as a book character) on **Thursday 7th March**. We look forward to some wonderful characters and some great reading activities across this focus week on reading.

I am very much looking forward to another successful term with Base3 and starting to learn about our exciting new topic.

Kind regards,
Miss McKinnon
(Year 3 class teacher)