



*Welcome everyone to Southbourne Junior School and the start of the Autumn 1 term in Year 3!*

*It has been wonderful to see the children walk into school with such enthusiasm. They really are so resilient!*

*We are unable to meet you all together in our usual onsite welcome meeting, so in lieu of that, here is some information which we feel highlights (for now) the main aspects of school - it is not exhaustive and there will be mini notes sent home, pinged to you, or posted on the school website throughout the year.*

*As direct contact is limited at the moment, please remember that you are always welcome to contact us if you have any questions or concerns, simply phone or email our school office.*

*Most information, which is important to you as parents or carers, is on our school website. Here, you can find our half termly 'learning journey' grid (select children tab and then Merlin/Osprey on the side menu), which shows you an overview of what your child will be learning in each subject. Autumn 1, is a History based learning journey centered around the question, 'What is the secret of the standing stones?'*

#### **Class charter and Rewards**

As a class we have talked about our expectations of each other and written a class charter which identifies what the children consider to be important in their class.

As a reward for good achievements/behaviour, the children earn dojo points to spend in the Non-Stop Dojo Shop. The children will be collecting these rewards with a view to the shop opening in the Autumn 2 term. In the Autumn term, they can choose to spend their points as they earn them on smaller items such as rubbers, sharpeners and gel pens or save up for more expensive items such as arts and crafts sets, footballs or maybe even space hoppers!

In addition, every fortnight three superstar children will receive the Southbourne Juniors 'Growing Learners' postcard, which is linked to our school values of PRIDE - this is very exciting because no one knows whose letterbox the postcard will fall through!

#### **Reading**

If there is one thing you could do at home, which will have the greatest of impact to your child, it is to read!

Reading is not just about learning/knowing the words on a page. The effects of reading involve skills, which when combined, offer a child an increased sense of empathy, knowledge, concentration, critical thinking skills, language skills and of course a deeper imagination!

So, please do read with your child as often as possible and try to engage your child in conversation about what they are reading. The reading miles chart at the back of the home school diary needs to be signed each time your child reads aloud to an adult, when they reach a multiple of 25 they earn a certificate based around the theme of famous monuments. The children will be able to regularly change their library books so please make sure they bring them into school every day.

### **Homework**

This will begin on the week beginning the 21st September. It will be set on a Friday and reviewed on a Wednesday through Google Classroom. We are teaching your child how to log on successfully to Google classroom, which can be accessed from an electronic device, such as a tablet, smart phone, laptop or computer. Google classroom proved to be a real success as a home learning tool in recent months, and it definitely saved a few trees! It will be used as our remote learning if we end up in a localised lockdown.

If you are having any difficulty with accessing Google Classroom, then please do let us know.

Each week your child will be given a Maths and Reading task linked to what we are learning in school. This term, we will be using a web based maths tool called 'Numbots,' for maths activities to complete at home and school. Numbots focuses on addition, subtraction and number bonds. Similarly, we are in the process of teaching your child how to access Numbots at home.

### **PE**

We have PE lessons on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit on these days. Most PE will be outside, so please send your child in equipped for the weather, navy blue bottoms, extra layers and a waterproof coat will be ideal in the colder/drizzly weather.

### **Uniform**

We will endeavour to conquer the never ending battle with mislaid jumpers etc, however, please ensure that every item of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled with their name, including PE kit so that when items do go missing they can be quickly reunited with their owner!

As the Autumn/Winter season approaches, we would like you to send your child into school with some Wellie boots or hiking/walking boots. Your child has already been introduced to our fabulous new Tipi and as our intention is to encourage outdoor learning, then the appropriate footwear will be of great benefit, as will a waterproof coat!

### **Wednesday morning**

Mrs Gifford (Osprey) and Mrs Hall (Merlin) will teach on Wednesday mornings this half term. During this time, the Year 3 team will be planning all the exciting learning experiences for the next week.

We cannot express how much we are looking forward to growing and nurturing your children over this next year, let us hope that this next academic year sees no further interruptions!!

The Year 3 Team

Mrs McQuaid, Mrs Jefferis and Mrs Willis - Osprey  
Miss Brown and Mrs Buncle - Merlin