



Saturn Class



Newsletter

2018 - 2019

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you enjoy your time in Saturn Class.

The adults working with you this year

Class Teacher: Mrs Lennon

LSAs: Mrs Glover (am/pm) and Mrs Snow (am)

Other subjects (including PE, RE, Science and Music): Mr Goldsmith, Mrs Boyd, Mrs Denness, Mrs Arum and Mr Stroud



Things to remember



Daily: Bring in your reading bag, reading book, reading record, spellings book, RWI book (if applicable) and named water bottle.

Monday: Bring in PE kit. PE will be on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with Mr Goldsmith, but please have your PE kit in school all week in case it is needed at other times. Please ensure that all items are named. **Friday:** Bring in instrument. Take home PE kit and instrument.

Please can you also bring in an old shirt (named) to use as an Art shirt.



Homework



Homework is given out in the Homework Diaries every Friday. Please see your Homework Diary for more information. You are expected to read your reading book, or any other book, as often as you can (preferably every day if possible!).



Spellings



You will continue to have a spellings book that will inform you of the week's focus and what activities you can do to practise the spelling pattern or words. We will have a spelling lesson two or three times a week, and you will have new words to learn or a spelling pattern to investigate (sometimes these will be high frequency words or topic words and sometimes they will follow a specific spelling pattern that we are focusing on in our spelling lessons). These will be regularly assessed. We will be practising these every day in class but you also need to practise as much as possible at home (e.g. 5 minutes every day at home or while travelling to and from school). Please keep your Spellings Book in your bag so you can use it at home and at school.

You will be assessed on the Y1 and Y2 common exception words and you will be expected to know these as we will then be learning how to spell the Y3/Y4 common exception words.



Reading



You are encouraged to independently change your reading book on a regular basis. Reading comprehension is a big focus. When you are reading your book, make sure that you talk about what is happening, who the

characters are, how they are feeling, what information the text is telling you, what type of book it is and so on. Please ensure that your reading record is signed. Even if you can read fluently, it is important to read and to listen to books with someone else; for example, you can read to a family member or friend or they can read to you. Sharing books is fun!



Times Tables



In Year 2 we learnt the 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will continue to consolidate and practise these, as well as learning the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables. This includes learning and using the multiplication and division facts for each one. For example; $6 \times 3 = 18$, $3 \times 6 = 18$, $18 \div 6 = 3$, $18 \div 3 = 6$. We will have weekly times tables activities and tests (either individually or in pairs/groups). Please practise your times tables every day and check your homework diary for the weekly focus.



Rewards, sanctions and Golden Worship



We have worked together to draw up a class charter based on rules, rights and responsibilities. As before, your parents and other members of the family are very welcome to join us for our weekly whole school Golden Worship on Friday mornings at 8.35am, during which we celebrate achievements and progress in and out of school.



Topics



We will have different topics each half term. A Topic Web will be sent out at the beginning of every half term that explains what we will be learning and the subjects that will be focused on for that particular topic.



Music



This year we will have the fantastic opportunity to learn a brass instrument as part of our music lessons with Mr Stroud on Friday afternoons. Each child can choose an instrument to learn. You can practise at home, but you must remember to have your instrument in school on Fridays otherwise you won't be able to take part in the lesson (we have no spares).



Attendance



At Brighstone we expect all children to have a minimum attendance of 96.5% and to start the school day punctually. This is key to ensure that you don't miss any important schooling – lessons start as soon as school starts at 8.25am! If by any chance you are late, please go to the main school office where they will be registered. Please don't knock on the classroom door as the register will have already been taken and lessons will have started. Many thanks.



Parents' Evenings



Information about parents' evenings will follow in due course.

If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let me know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children's progress.

Thank you!