

# Robertson Class Newsletter 2020-2021



**Welcome to Year 3/4! We are excited about our year ahead in Robertson Class.**

## The adults working with you this year

**Class Teachers:** Mrs Denness on Mondays and Tuesdays; Mrs Johnstone on Wednesdays-Fridays; Mr Goldsmith for PE on Tuesdays.

**Other adults in class:** Mrs Boyd, Mr Goldsmith, Mrs Eggleton, Mr Stroud



## Things to remember



**Daily:** Bring in your reading bag, reading book, reading record, spellings book and a named water bottle.

**Monday:** Bring in PE kit. PE will be on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons with Mr Goldsmith and Mrs Johnstone, 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:** Take home PE kit.



## Homework



Homework is given out in the Homework Diaries at the beginning of every half term. 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



Any spelling lists will be sent home to practise in your Homework Book. 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 frequently 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).



## Reading

You are encouraged to independently change your reading book on a regular basis (on Mondays or Thursdays). 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



Year 4 have a formal times tables assessment in the summer term, and we will invest lots of time in making sure that the children are very familiar with these. We're looking for lightning recall! Year 3 will of course continue to learn their tables, focusing on 3, 4, 8. If there are certain tables that you know you are less confident with, focus on these at home.



## Rewards, sanctions and Golden Worship

Within class, you will be awarded flags for hard work, great demonstrations of school values and any other achievements. These will be collected in house groups and counted each week. At the end of the half term, there will be a winning house, awarded a little treat for their efforts. At present we are unable to invite parents into school for collective worship, although we will continue to celebrate the children's achievements within school, and would still like to hear about successes at home.



## 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.



## 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 you 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.

## Water Bottles and Comfort Breaks



Please ensure that you have a named water bottle, containing **water** only, in class. This will be kept by the sink, so that there is no danger of spilling it on others' work.

We urge the children to use the loo during designated break times, so that lesson time is not disrupted.

Obviously, if there is any need within lesson time, this will be respected - we just ask that the children politely ask a member of staff for permission to leave the classroom.

## Coronavirus Hygiene

We will remind the children of the importance of hand hygiene at this time. Each child will have their own pencil case to use, with all the equipment that they need, so please don't bring in additional items from home. We are able to exchange and lend library books (we will put them in quarantine for 72 hours upon return). Within the classroom we have a designated tissue bin for the children to use, should they need to blow their nose, after which they must wash their hands. Other details about our precautions as a school can be found in the information sent by Mrs Lennon.

**We are looking forward to a great year of happy learning together. If you have any questions, please speak to Mrs Denness, Mrs Johnstone, Mrs Boyd or Mrs Eggleton, and we'll be happy to help you.**

**If you have some time to spare and would like to come in to hear children read, then please let us know. We would greatly appreciate it – this makes a huge contribution to the children's progress. We are able to host visitors in school. Thank you!**