

# Puddletown Church of England First School

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Dear Families,

Firstly, welcome to Year 3. I'm really proud of how the children have started off Year 3 and look forward to an exciting year ahead. Below is some information you may find useful as we begin a new school year.

- **Subjects** - If you haven't found a copy on the website already, please find attached an overview of the Autumn term's subjects.
- **PE** - This half-term PE will be on a Wednesday and Friday. Please remember those named PE kits.
- **Named clothing** - Please ensure that all items of clothing are clearly named with a permanent marker or iron/sew-on labels. You won't believe the amount of mystery jumpers we were left with last year.
- **Snacks** - In KS2 children are no longer given free snacks so please make sure your child comes to school with a healthy snack for break time (this does not include pupil premium children).
- **Water bottles** - These should be taken home at the end of each day and returned the following morning refilled with fresh water. Please make sure these are named.
- **Home reading** - Your child should aim to read at home *at least 5 times a week*, preferably out loud to an adult and to gain a signature from that adult in their reading records each time this is done. Reading records will be checked weekly on a Friday and children will receive a house point for 5 reads.
- **Home learning** - The children will be given suggested home learning activities to complete over a term which will be linked to our humanities/science subjects. Although this is not mandatory, this does help extend their learning and it's great if they can share what they've learnt with us in school.
- **Spellings** - These will be coming home with your child in a 'Next Steps' book. Spellings will be tested on a Friday. If your child is accessing the Little Wandle scheme, then this will not apply.
- **Times tables** - In Year 3 we will be focusing on reinforcing the 2, 5 and 10s and learning the 3, 4 and 8s. We will do a weekly times table challenge so any support that can be given to learning these at home will benefit your child hugely, especially as they underpin so many areas of mathematics. Each child has their own password to TT Rockstars which is a great way of making their times table learning fun at home.

If you have any questions, then please do not hesitate to get in touch.

We look forward to getting to know you all.

Miss Bridge and Miss Ward