



# Welcome to Bluebell Class Year 3

Miss Bowden, Miss Stott and Miss  
McArdle





# Staffing



- I will be the class teacher everyday apart from Thursdays when it will be Miss Stott.
- Miss McArdle will be our TA everyday.



# A day in Year 3



- Children come into the classroom and organise themselves for the day. This includes putting water bottles into the classroom, changing reading books and putting their lollipop sticks into the emotion jar.
- To help the children with their focus and mental well-being, we complete wake and shake routines, yoga inspired stretches and mindfulness breathing activities throughout the day.
- We are encouraging children to become more independent so children are responsible for ensuring they have all they need to take home at the end of each day.



# Lunch and Break time



- To ensure that the children get the most out of their learning time, we don't have a set break time. The children receive a 15 minute break at some point in the morning.
- Children in Key Stage Two no longer receive fruit as part of the government scheme. Children will need to bring in their own snack of fruit or vegetables for break time.
- Lunch time for Year 3 is at 12.10pm.



# What do I need to bring to school?



- Children will need a few items in school every day. These include...
  - Water bottle
  - Snack of fruit or vegetables
  - Reading diary and reading book

Children will also need their homework book on a Monday.

It is really important for children to have these items as it helps them feel prepared and settled for the day.

Please note that children do not need pencil cases or stationery items as we provide everything they need for their learning.



# The Stanford Way



| Be Respectful                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                                   | Be Responsible                                                                                                                                                                                                               | Be Ready to Learn                                                                                                                                      |
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| Say please and thank you<br>Hold doors open for people<br>Walk silently through corridors<br>Talk kindly to others<br>Say good morning / afternoon<br>Respect others' right to learn<br>Respect all property<br>Use a calm and polite tone of voice<br>Follow adult instruction | Complete homework on time<br>Remember to bring equipment to school<br>Wear correct school uniform / PE kit<br>Tidy your own workspace and classroom<br>Accept responsibility and say sorry<br>Complete neatly presented work | Sit still<br>Listen carefully to everyone<br>Give the staff your full attention<br>Work hard on tasks given<br>Be in the right place at the right time |



# Class rewards and Sanctions



- Class rewards and sanctions remain the same throughout the school. Children continue to collect Team Points by working together and achieving together.
- Children are also aiming to get their name on the Recognition Board, this is then celebrated in assembly.
- As an extra reward, the children are working towards a whole class treat of some kind.



# Reading



- Reading is an incredibly important part of children's learning.
- We aim to hear all children read every other week. All reading will be recorded in your child's reading diary.
- To support children's in school learning, daily reading is vital. Reading a page or 2 a day makes a huge difference to children's reading ability as well as boosting their confidence and improving writing skills. Please record all reading in diaries or encourage your child to do so.
- Children will bring home 1 or 2 books from school: a book banded or decodable phonics book and a reading for pleasure book. If your child is a free reader, they will bring home one book of their choice. If children want to read books that seem too challenging, please read to your child or read it together. It is important for children to enjoy what they are reading or listening to.



# Times Tables



- A secure grasp of times tables is essential for Maths learning. We do lots of practise of times tables within class.
- For homework, we ask children to complete at least 3 minutes of Times Tables Rock Stars a day at home. Completing times tables activities in short bursts is a great way to boost children's ability.



# Homework



- Homework books will go out on a Wednesday and be due in the following Monday.
- Children complete 3 enquiry question based projects across the year. A covering letter in homework books will explain when these projects are due.
- We will also be setting a maths activity each week to reinforce class learning. This will either be as a Purple Mash online activity or a maths worksheet.
- Spelling work will continue with children taking home their spelling words on a Wednesday and sitting a short spelling test on a Monday. Please send homework books in with your child on a Monday so we can up-date books with spelling scores and new spelling lists. Spelling lists are based on in class learning and children receive spelling lessons each week to help them to learn the rule for the set of words. It is up to you and your child how you choose to practise spellings - it could be writing sentences, breaking the words down into syllables, pyramid writing, whatever works best for your child.



# PE days and expectations



- This term, PE will take place on a Tuesday and a Wednesday.
- Children will need to come dressed in PE kits on these days. This consists of: black shorts, leggings/joggers, a coloured t-shirt to reflect their team colour and trainers. The children need to wear their school jumper or cardigan on these days.
- Please note the children are not allowed to wear jewellery during PE for safety reasons. This includes earrings. Please help your child learn to remove their own earrings if they are unable to do so or leave earrings at home on these days.
- Newly pierced earrings can be covered in tape until they are able to be removed.
- On a Thursday afternoon, children will take part in a Forest School session for half of the afternoon so will need to bring suitable clothes for this as they have in previous years.



# How to contact us



- You can send Miss Bowden an email using the link on our class page.
- For any urgent messages please ring the school office - e.g. if someone different is picking up your child. Please don't use Class Dojo during the school day for this as I most likely won't see it.
- Class Dojo will be used for celebrating the children's learning, sending any whole class messages or to inform you about any first aid issues.
- I will be on the playground at the start of the day and at the end of the day if you have any quick questions or messages.