

BISHOP CORNISH CHURCH OF ENGLAND V.A. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Welcome to Year 3

Dear Children and Parents

We hope you have all had a wonderful summer and feel refreshed and ready for the new school year ahead. We are excited to welcome your children back and are looking forward to teaching them and watching them flourish throughout the year. Mrs Dinham will be teaching Year 3 from Monday to Thursday and Mrs Nile will take over for Thursday afternoon and Friday. Mrs Rawlings is our Teaching Assistant and will be helping and supporting your children, individually and in group activities.

We will be studying the Stone Age this term for our history based topic – *Thursday 20th October we will have a Stone Age experience day, get your best costumes at the ready.)* Next half term we will be learning about the Tudors. We will also be studying the Rainforest topic and Captivating Cornwall throughout the year.

PE will be on Thursdays and Fridays with Mr Brown, so please ensure that named PE kit, including trainers, are in school on these days. As the cold weather approaches, please ensure your child has a warm jumper and jogging bottoms/leggings. A set of clothes and appropriate wellies/shoes for the woods is also required to be in school at all times, just in case we have any spontaneous visits!

Homework grids will be shared with the children within the beginning of each half term. These link with their topics but are not compulsory. This is in addition to the expectation of daily spelling practice of which there will be a test every Friday - please support your child to master these words. Daily reading is also encouraged. Every Thursday your child will have a number bonds/times tables test. Please ensure your child is also completing a short period of 'Doodlemaths' daily. Please let us know if your child needs their login. We will give DOJO points for a full week, at the end of each week. This is easily tracked by us online so you won't need to let us know. The spellings, times tables, homework grid and your child's reading book will be sent home by the end of this week.

In regard to reading, it is our aim to have all of the children taking responsibility for changing their own reading books by the end of this half term. We will go through this with them and this has worked well in the past. Once the children have read their book they will take a short quiz to gauge their comprehension of the text. If your child is on Read Write Inc they will be 'quizzed' by us. If your child is on Accelerated Reader levels they will use the app within school. They will be rewarded with DOJO points and team points for their quiz results.

Swimming will start in January and there will be more details to follow on this.

Working together, we feel sure your child will have a successful and happy time in Year 3. Should you have any concerns about your child, please feel free to contact us.

Best wishes

Lucy Dinham and Emma Nile.

