

## Term 1 Newsletter - Primary 3



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school! It's lovely to be back at school and to see the children again. I hope you were able to have a good break and enjoyed the beautiful weather. It has been lovely to hear about some of the things the children got up to during their time away from school and despite all of the current difficulties and anxieties, the children seem to have settled back into school very well.

As you know, there are no school bags or pencil cases being brought to school at the moment and this looks to be the case for the next wee while. Children can bring a book from home that they can keep in their tray. No one else will be allowed to touch it and it will stay at school until completed, in order to cut down on the number of items coming from home on a daily basis. On PE days, they may come to school dressed in their PE kit. This will be on a Monday and Friday with Miss Munro.

This term, my main aim will be to ensure that the children are happy, settled and coping confidently with the new daily routine. This will ensure that later in the term, the children will be well prepared to settle back into successful learning. I hope to work outside with the class as much as is possible so please ensure that children bring a coat to school every day. You may also wish to bear this in mind on PE days, sending your child in joggers or leggings, rather than shorts.

As is always done, the children will consolidate phonemes learned in their previous year as a prelude to being introduced to new sounds. We have started this week working with 'aw' 'ue' and 'oi' and the work the children have been doing has generally been of a very good standard, considering the current circumstances. As the children are now in P3, there is a more focused approach to Grammar work and we have started joined handwriting. We are reading Fantastic Mr Fox as a class novel and the children seem to be thoroughly enjoying the story and the activities centred around it. Please continue to encourage your child to read at home using as wide a variety of texts as is possible. For Reading, Giglets will be used in class initially and there will be more information on this shortly.

In Maths the children will concentrate on consolidation of number bonds, addition, subtraction and recapping strategies that can be used to support them when they are challenged. We will also explore times tables and continue to complete weekly Learn Its and CLIC tests in class. We will also work collaboratively on Problem Solving, using a variety of skills and knowledge to do so. We solved the Mystery of the Missing Pencil Cases last week and will continue the detective work, as the class enjoyed the challenges of this task.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me through the school office. I will then get in touch by phone as soon as is possible.

Many thanks for your support.  
Fiona Lawlor