



We are really looking forward to meeting you all and being back together as a class 3 bubble! As you can imagine things will be a little bit different to usual, but we are super lucky to have a new classroom and a great team of teachers to support you throughout the year.

When you return the classroom will look slightly different. The tables will be arranged in rows and you will have your own special place where you sit every day. During the first couple of weeks we will have time to settle back into a school routine. I have lots of creative activities planned for us so we can decorate and make our new classroom special!



Example of Class 4



## Who's Who?

### Class Three Teaching Team



Miss Hawley



Miss Reynolds



Miss Capenerhurst



Mrs Leigh



## Our Curriculum



The Autumn term will begin with a step back in time to the Stone Age! During the first full week we will be exploring how people lived and survived in prehistoric times. Did you know the Stone Age began around 2.5 million years ago? I wonder if you can find out any more amazing facts over the summer!

Our Art and Design and Technology lessons will link to our Stone Age topic. I do not want to give it all away, but we will begin by learning sketching and drawing techniques. You will also get your very own sketchbook which will stay with you up until year 6!

In Science we will begin by investigating light and dark, focusing on our big question: What is the difference between light and dark? After the half term we will move onto plants and exploring how plants function.

In Religious Education we will have a colourful and exciting start by looking at the religion of Hinduism and focusing on their Diwali festival before moving on to Christianity and the true meaning of Christmas.

In PE we will be learning how to play hockey! **Thursday** will be our PE day (beginning the 2<sup>nd</sup> week back) and you will need to come to school already wearing your PE kits.

Unfortunately, we will not be starting swimming in the Autumn Term. However, for the first half of the term we are really lucky to have Resilient Rammie (Derby County Football Club's mascot!) come to visit class 3 every Tuesday afternoon! He will be teaching us all about resilience, self-esteem and teamwork.



## Reading Routine



We want to become superstar readers in Class 3! To become amazing readers you will need to read at least **3 times a week**, for between 10 and 15 minutes. If you read three times a week (or more!) you will receive a ticket for a class prize draw at the end of each week! You will need to ask your adult to sign your reading record each time you read to receive your ticket!

Some ideas to get you in the mood for reading:

- Make a reading den – this could be your special, cosy place where you can read!
  - If your adult is busy you can read out loud to your favourite teddy or pet!
  - Read under a blanket or in the dark with a torch!

Reading is also a special part of the school day. As well as looking at texts in more detail in our Reading lessons, we will also have our own book to read each day. So, I will need your help in the first couple days to choose an exciting class reader! We will take a look at all the latest and popular children's books and then take a vote on the one we would like to read as a class.



## School Routine



School will begin on the **Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> September**. Your arrival time each day is **9am-9.15am** where we will meet you at the outside door of our new classroom! We will have a calm beginning to everyday with some R-time (Respect Time) before moving into Fluency and Spelling. During the rest morning we will have Writing, Maths, Reading and Handwriting. The afternoons are time for our topic lessons before ending the day with our class story.

Now you are a grown-up junior you will need to bring in your own snack each day. It is also really important that you have your own water bottle and bring this into school every day.

We hope you have a wonderful summer and can't wait to see you in September!