



Decoy Community Primary School And First Steps Nursery

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Please find below the information that we think you will need for the start of Year 3. We hope that it is useful, but do please get in touch if you need any other information.

Reading – in Year 3, the books that your children are reading usually come from the library as part of our Accelerated Reader scheme. We encourage you to discuss and question your child on their reading book; this will help them when they come to quiz. Obviously, the comprehension of the text is very important and a child cannot move onto the next level of books until their understanding is secure. Accelerated Reader (AR) quizzes can be taken at home. Instructions for logging in will be written into the front of the reading record. The website for taking quizzes can be found at: <https://ukhosted51.renlearn.co.uk/2236651/default.aspx>. Children should record in their reading record which page they have read up to, and make a quick comment. If they take a quiz, this should also be recorded, along with their score. Please can an adult at home sign the reading record comments **four times a week**. Helping our children to become fluent readers is perhaps THE most important thing we can do for them. Reading books and records need to be in school every day; we will check reading records every **Wednesday** to make sure that children are keeping up with their reading.

Curriculum – Our school website contains details of our whole school curriculum. In addition, please find a list below of topics being covered in Year 3 this Autumn Term.

- PSHE – Being me in my world/Celebrating differences
- Art and Design – Lowry
- Computing – We are programmers/We are bug fixers
- Design and Technology – Design and make a healthy snack
- English – Instructions Helen Lanz – Instructions, The Day the Crayons Quit – Drew Daywalt – Letter Writing, The Beasties Jenny Nimmo – Story Writing, Science in a Flash – Georgia Amson- Bradshaw – Information Text
- Geography – The British Isles
- History – Stone Age to the Iron Age
- Mathematics – Place value, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division
- Modern Foreign Languages (Spanish) – I'm learning Spanish -Yo Aprendo Español/ Animals Los Animales
- Music – Believer



- Religious Education – What do Christians learn from the creation story?/What is it like for someone to follow God?
- Physical Education – Multiskills/Fitness Frenzy
- Science – The human body/ Rocks

Homework – we will give homework once a week on a Friday, and collect books back in the following Wednesday. We will usually set maths, spellings and occasionally topic-related homework. Children should complete their Sparx times tables every week. Information about Sparx, including how to login into a child's account will be stuck into the homework book. We will mark homework with ticks and a brief comment, and if there are any issues, we will talk to children about these at school. We do expect the children to present their work neatly to the standard they know is expected in their school books.

PE – PE is on **Monday** and **Friday**. Children need to bring a **PE kit on Monday and keep it in school all week**, as changes in the timetable sometimes mean we have to change the day of PE lessons. They need white shorts, a green t-shirt and some trainers. If it cold, children may wear a tracksuit outside.

Snacks – we would like your help to promote healthy snacks at break time. Please avoid sending in crisps, biscuits and chocolate bars, or anything containing nuts, and instead encourage the children to eat a piece of fruit, a cereal bar or breadsticks, for example.

Labelling – please may we kindly ask that all jumpers, coats, drinks bottles and packed lunch boxes are labelled with your child's name. As we are sure you will appreciate, finding and returning un-named lost property to children can be time consuming.

E-mails – Mrs Pryde can be emailed at epryde@decoyschool.co.uk, Mrs Morrell can be reached at ymorrell@decoyschool.co.uk, and Mr Smith at jsmith@decoyschool.co.uk. Please be aware that it is school policy that there is no expectation for staff to respond to emails outside of their working hours.

Mrs Pryde (Puffins) works Monday – Wednesday

Mrs Morrell (Puffins) works Thursday – Friday

Mr Smith (Swans) works Monday – Friday

Thank you for your support,

Emma Pryde, Yvonne Morrell and John Smith

Year 3 Class Teachers



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