



Combe Martin Primary School

Class 3 Newsletter Autumn Term 2020

Hello and welcome back to school. We hope you all had a great Summer break and are ready for the new school year. We are really looking forward to having all the children back in school.

We appreciate that this may be an apprehensive time for both your child and you. We will endeavour to do all we can to settle the children into our new routines and hopefully they will love being back in school, enjoying their learning and time with their friends and this will outweigh any worries they may currently have.

Lines of communication will remain vitally important between ourselves and you, as there will be little face-to-face contact please use Class Dojo or our emails at the end of this newsletter to communicate with us.

We will carefully manage the children's learning to ensure that they are getting a broad and balanced curriculum allowing time for recapping from the previous learning to help build on their knowledge for this year. We are looking forward to being back in class and enjoying our learning together!

Mrs Railston will be working in class on Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays and Mrs Vickery will be working in class on Thursdays and Fridays. We have a full and exciting term of events and we are sure that the children will enjoy all of the things we have planned!

Autumn	Morning		Afternoon
Monday	Mrs Railston		Mrs Railston
Tuesday	Mrs Railston		Mrs Railston
Wednesday	8.40 – 10.00 Mrs Railston	10.00 – 12.15 Mrs Mortelock (Music RE)	Mrs Railston
Thursday	Mrs Vickery		Mrs Vickery
Friday	Mrs Vickery		Mrs Vickery

Communication



We will be continuing to use Class Dojo to keep you up to date with what we are doing in class. Using Dojo is a really useful tool which means we can easily communicate with you: we can instantly share messages, updates and photographs from class. It's a great way for you to see what your child is doing in school and to get in touch with us. You should all have been already added to our new class at the end of the Summer Term, if you are not part of Class 3 on Dojo yet please let us know and we will get a code to you.

We are also planning on continuing to use Google Classroom for any Home Learning, please let us know if you need any support in accessing Google Classroom.



Google Classroom

Topic



Our topic for the first half term is Riotous Royalty, we will be learning about British Monarchs through history. In the second half of term we will be learning about Bristol and Exmoor.



English

Children will be covering a range of text types in their English work, including Poetry, Fiction and Non-Fiction, some of this will be linked to our topic. As well as reading their independent reading books that they bring home, children will be participating in regular group reading sessions lead by a teacher.



Maths



The children will be working on a range of mathematics this term, we will begin by working on Place Value (recognising numbers, counting, understanding the value of numbers, placing numbers in order), we will then move onto working on Addition and Subtraction then Multiplication and Division.

You can continue to support your child by practising maths at home, using numbers in many situations, for example, telling the time, counting, money and learning times tables.

By the end of Year 4 children are expected to know all their times tables up to 12x12. Please help the children practise these at home, both in order and out of order including multiplications and divisions. There are plenty of times table games and activities on the internet too!

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables>

<http://primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/maths/timestable/interactive.htm>

Multiplication Check

In June next year all Year 4 children in the country are required to take a Multiplication Check. This will take the form of an online check to determine whether year 4 pupils can fluently recall their multiplication tables. The check will assess whether the children can **quickly** recall times table facts – in the practise check this year children had approximately 7 seconds to answer each question. Please help your child practise their times tables facts!

P.E.

For the first half term P.E will take place on Tuesdays with Mrs Railston. Please send the children into school on Tuesdays dressed in their PE kits so they will not be changing in school, PE kits should include: a thin wind proof coat, well fitting trainers, black shorts, black or navy tracksuit trousers, a white T-shirt and a jumper. The children will be taking part in a range of PE activities this term. As the weather starts to get colder please add a black or dark coloured hat and a pair of gloves! Please make sure that your child's name is in all of their kit. Please send children with a spare set of clothes on PE days in case clothes get wet or muddy.



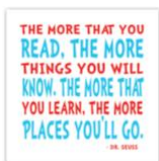
Super Learners and Growth Mindset



Coming back into school may be a little daunting for some of the children but their Mindset could help with this greatly. Instead of seeing the safety measures as negative, they can see them as helping to keep them safe. A lot of how you address your children at home around school can have an effect on how they are feeling too so although you may also (understandably) be feeling a little anxious, try to frame being back in school as a big positive and hopefully your child will come into school feeling excited for the new challenges.

The children inevitably will face obstacles but it is about how they overcome these and thinking about the Super Learner skills – resilience, reciprocity, reflectiveness and resourcefulness and how they can use them to aid their own learning journey.

Reading



Reading is an essential life skill which underpins all of our work at school. It is a school expectation that all children read at home daily with parents and make a note of it in the Blue Love Reading books. Please encourage the children to continue using these books to show their enjoyment of reading and their wide range of reading outside school!

Even when children are already fluent readers we can still help them to develop their reading skills. The best way is to continue to share books with your child, regularly listening to them read, sometimes reading to or with them, but also discussing books read in increasing depth. Most importantly, we want all the children to develop a 'love for reading', we will be sharing a range of texts with them in class and hope they will also widen their reading choices out of school and share them with us!

Each week the children will have a Reading Task which we will post on Google Classroom to complete at home which will be linked to the work which we have done during their Guided Reading sessions. These Reading Tasks should be completed in their blue Love Reading books.



General Information

We encourage the children to be independent and it is their responsibility to bring their Love Reading book and reading books in on a **daily** basis. If your child has a black or blue pen which they like to write with, they can bring their own pen in to use in school. Please do not send any other equipment into school.

Each morning there will be a registration activity ready for children to work on when they come in to the classroom.

End of the Day

We will walk the children out of school at the end of the day. If you have a child in Class 1 please collect them first and then wait on the playground for your KS2 child, we will walk the rest of the children round to the front gates. If you have a child in Class 2 please collect them first at the appropriate time and we will stay with your children at the main gates until you come around to collect them.

If you have any questions or would like to find out more about our work this term, please do come and see us, contact us via Class Dojo or through email:

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Here's to an enjoyable, fun filled and exciting Autumn Term!

Jo Railston and Aimie Vickery

