

Lions' Class

Autumn Newsletter



Dear Parents,

Can you believe we are at the beginning of another new academic year? I hope you all had a fantastic summer and the children had the break they truly deserved after such an unsettled year! I know everything has seemed pretty crazy this year, but I am very positive that we are going to have a really successful time in Year 3. I am extremely excited to have been given the opportunity to teach your children this year. We have so much to look forward to! Mrs Brown will be assisting us in the classroom three days a week and then Mrs Thiessen will be working with us for the other two days.

We will be spending the first few weeks of this half term really focusing on creating a happy classroom where we are familiar with the expectations and work hard on getting into good routines. We also will be starting some very exciting history and science units which I am sure the children are going to enjoy as much as I am!

I am really looking forward to working closely with you all this year and it will be great to finally meet you all in the coming weeks. I strongly believe communication is key for ensuring we provide the best for your child, so if you ever have any questions or concerns, please contact me on Dojo.

Miss Jolland 😊

The Lions' PE sessions will take place on a **Tuesday** and a **Thursday** this year with **Dellar Sports Coaching**. Please ensure the children come in on **Tuesdays** and **Thursdays** wearing their PE kits.

We look forward to the spring term where the Lions will be having weekly swimming lessons at Haverhill Sports Centre. We will send more information regarding this closer to the time. Please ensure your child has the following items clearly **labelled** to ensure nothing is lost:

- White T-Shirt
- Black Shorts
- Trainers / socks
- Black/dark grey tracksuit top and bottoms (outdoor wear)

Please remember that no jewellery is to be worn during PE.

Our learning this term

On Tuesday mornings, we are very lucky to be having Mrs Kirby teaching the Lions RE, maths and French. History and Geography will be taught in blocks over weeks, whereas all of our other curriculum subjects will be taught weekly. We have some really exciting units coming up which include **Rocks, Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age, creating a recipe in DT and Animals including humans**. Please keep an eye out on Dojo for photos of what we are getting up to in the classroom.

Homework

Similarly to last term, all of the Lions' weekly homework will be uploaded onto Showbie on a Friday. All homework tasks will need to be completed by the following Friday, where I will check and mark it. Homework tasks will include TTRS, daily reading, knowledge organisers and alternative maths/SPaG tasks. Please can I stress the importance of reading with your child at home. It is really important that they read daily for 10 – 15 minutes as this will not only help improve their fluency and comprehension but also aid them in accessing all areas of the curriculum.

Now that the children are in KS2, they will be moving onto our Accelerated Reader books from the library. In the first week of returning to school, the children will complete a Star Reader Quiz where they will read passages of text and answer questions about what they have read to help us gauge an understanding of their reading levels. Each half term, the children will carry out a Star Reader Quiz which will enable us to identify progress in their comprehension and to move up reading levels. If you have any questions regarding this, please do not hesitate to contact me.