



# Year 3 Newsletter

## September 2016

### Welcome to Year 3!

We are very pleased to welcome all our new Year 3s to Avenues! We are really looking forward to the year ahead and have lots of exciting things planned.

Our first topic is "An Adventure To Remember: Explorers", and we will use drama skills to become a team of explorers taking on different challenges. We will begin by learning about the icy region of Antarctica and will then follow the children's interest in exploring parts of the world.

Our novel for this half-term is "The Ice Palace" by Robert Swindells and the children will be doing writing inspired by this book. In Maths, we will be developing the children's basic number skills such as counting and place value to set a good foundation to build on over the rest of the year. Our Science topic will be Animals (Including Humans), and there will be lots to learn about parts of the body, nutrition, skeletons and fossils.

You can find out more about what we will be learning this year from our Curriculum Maps. You will receive an overview of the whole year, as well as detailed half-termly maps throughout the year.

Please feel free to speak to your class teacher or contact us via the office if you have any questions!

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### COFFEE MORNING FOR ALL YEAR 3 PARENTS AND CARERS



We would like to invite you to a Coffee Morning in the Small Hall on Thursday 15<sup>th</sup> September. The event will begin straight after drop off at 8.40 and continue until 10.00am. There will be a chance to chat to other parents and to have informal conversations with your child's teacher about how your child is settling in.

We hope to see you there!

### CONTACT BOOKS

Your child has been provided with a home-school contact book. We would like you to use this to communicate with us, such as recording your child's reading, writing messages, asking questions, and any other comments you would like to make. We will use the book to send home spellings and messages to let you know how your child is getting on. Please make sure the contact book comes to school every day so that it can be used effectively. Thank you!

### HOMEWORK

In Year 3, our expectation is that children will read for about 10 minutes a day, learn a set of spellings and complete one piece of maths homework per week. Spellings are set on Friday and tested the following Friday; Maths homework is set on Friday and is due in the following Wednesday. If you have any questions about the methods we use for maths, or would like advice on how to help your child with homework, please ask!

### BIRTHDAYS

As a Healthy Eating school, our policy is that we do not give out cake or sweets for birthdays. The children will receive a card designed by their classmates on their birthdays. Thank you for your understanding.

### PE DAYS

3H: Tuesday and Thursday

3M: Wednesday and Friday

3T: Wednesday and Friday

3Z: Wednesday and Friday

We are playing Tag Rugby at the moment, so please provide your child with outdoor PE kit (white T-shirt, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, trainers) When we do gymnastics, we will use the same kit but will work barefoot. Please ensure long hair is tied up on PE days or that your child has a hairband with them.

To keep up to date with school news, please make sure the office has your current email address!