

Dear Parents/Carers,

A very warm welcome back to St. Joseph's and to St. Patrick's class! I hope you have all had a brilliant summer (the children have certainly told me about lots of exciting adventures)! The new Year 3s have returned to school with the most incredible amount of enthusiasm, and have already blown both myself and Mrs Jenkins away with how hard they have been working. They are also looking very smart - thank you for supporting your child by sending them in with the correct uniform.

We have many exciting things to cover this term, a lot of them centred around our whole-school topic: Planet Earth. In Science we will be looking at what a plant needs to grow, and how plants disperse their seeds. In Geography we will be examining Gloucestershire, and analysing why people come to visit. A more detailed look for this term's curriculum can be found on our Topic Web.

Our first class text is ***My Dad's a Birdman*** by David Almond. This book was chosen by the children this week. Please do feel free to get a copy for your child to follow along in class.

Year 3 children are to come to school in their PE kits on **Thursday** and **Friday** this term, and on **Wednesday** and **Friday** in Autumn 2. Thank you in advance for naming all items of clothing, it really does help those lost jumpers and coats return to their homes! Homework continues to be set on Teams. If you are having trouble accessing your child's work, please get in touch either with myself or the office to help iron out any technical issues.

Furthermore, if you would like to volunteer some of your time to come and read with the children, please get in touch with me either on the playground or through the office. It is so important to get children to read - and any time you can volunteer would be greatly appreciated!

Just a few reminders:

- * **Water bottles** - Please remember to send your child in with a bottle every day. Water only please!
- * **Reading at home** - If your child reads to you five times in a week they will get a Reading Point. Enough Reading Points will earn you a bookworm award. I would love to give out as many awards as possible this year!
- * **Named Clothing** - As mentioned above, please ensure all items of clothing are named (especially jumpers and coats).
- * **Homework** - Homework is set every Friday and due on a Wednesday. It directly correlates to what we are covering in class at the moment, and can be from either English, Maths, RE or Topic. Spellings are set on Friday for a test on Thursday. There will be no spellings or homework set the first week back.
- * **Snacks** - As your child is now in KS2, they are no longer entitled to a free fruit snack provided by the school. If your child wishes to have a snack at break time they are welcome to bring one in from home (fruit or vegetables only please).

Please feel free to come and see me on the playground at the end of the day or email slt@st-josephs.gloucs.sch.uk if there is anything you wish to discuss with me.

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Kind Regards,

Miss Drury