



Hello Parents and Carers,

I do hope that you all enjoyed the summer break and are now all raring to go! Welcome back parents of Year 4 children and Hello and Welcome to all Year 3 parents.

This year the Puffin Class has been renamed the Discoverers class. I am sure you will agree that it is a great name for this age of children.

Book Bags

In terms of expectations in KS2 children are expected to bring with them to school every day a bag which contains their current reading book and reading record. The system is that children will be given a reading book that matches their current reading ability and this book should be read by your child with you or another reader at some point every single day. The children should record how much they have read in their reading record (page numbers and date). Children will also be encouraged to write down any words they struggled to understand or pronounce.

Homework

The children will have a maths homework task every week (from Monday 17th); 10 spellings to learn every week and in Year 4 spelling sentences once per week. Homework will be handed out on a Monday and should be handed in by Friday morning. There will be a spelling test every Friday morning. Once per half term the children will be given a **take home task** which is designed so they can complete it over a holiday period and this task usually involves some making and research which can involve the support of the whole family.

Times Tables

Times tables are a big focus in Year 3 and 4 and it would be great if you could work with your child and support their learning of tables. There are lots of free internet based games which make times tables fun.

PE

The children will have PE twice per week on Mondays and Thursdays; it is important that their PE kit remains in school and all parts of it are named clearly.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to teach your child and if you have any queries or questions please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Yours Sincerely

Mrs S Maloney

PS Our topic this term is The Romans and I am hoping to run a school trip for the class to Brading Roman Villa. At St Helens we are fortunate that this location is a fantastic resource right on our doorstep. More information regarding this to follow...