

CLASS 3 NEWS



Crowmarsh Gifford CE School

September 2020

A New Year, A New Start

Welcome to Class 3! We are so happy to have the children back in school and are excited about the year ahead.

This term, we are exploring how Crowmarsh has been influenced by the geographical changes of our landscape, looking especially at the roads in and around Crowmarsh and Wallingford. If you have any friends or relatives who are local historians, geographers or keen observers of the village over time, we'd be really interested to hear from you!

Reading: Please read every day with your children. It is important to hear them reading aloud often, and help them out with feedback about how to improve their fluency and talk about what they have read to ensure they understand. In terms of literature choices, as long as they are reading for pleasure, anything goes! We have talked a lot in school about engaging the audience and the fact that fluent doesn't mean fast. Please share stories regularly —this should be an enjoyable and beneficial activity and will greatly support your child's learning. Children will need to bring a book in from home which they should have in school every day. These can be taken home and changed as necessary. If your child is reading stage books, they can borrow these from the classroom and when they are returned we will quarantine them before handing them to other children. They can be changed as often as needed. Please encourage your child to come in and tell us if they need a new stage book.

Homework: For now, we'd be more than happy if the children are reading every day and talking lots! Please see the website for statutory spellings lists, and remember to practise times tables with your child.

PE: Class 3 PE is on a Monday so please can children come into school dressed for PE. They won't need their uniform. As it is getting colder, please remember to pack tracksuit bottoms and a jumper as well as shorts and t-shirt! All of our PE lessons will currently be outside.

Please note the children no longer receive free fruit now they are in Key Stage 2. They can bring a fruit/vegetable based snack to school instead.

The adults in Class 3:

Mrs. C. Hodgkinson—Teacher

Mrs. T. Scott—Teacher

Mrs. C. Beckett—TA

Class 3 are one bubble and we are keeping ourselves away from other bubbles around the school. This means that we have our own space on the playground and lunches are eaten in the classroom. We are using hand sanitiser and washing hands regularly throughout the day. Within the classroom the children are all seated in a pair or three and all children are facing the front. The children are encouraged to avoid touching someone else's belongings and table space. Where it is necessary for us to share resources such as books or maths equipment, we are ensuring that good hand hygiene is followed and resources are sterilised or quarantined as needed. In the event that your child needs to isolate, there is a grid on the Class 3 page of the website with suggestions of home learning tasks. This will be updated as we get further into the Year 3 curriculum. If it becomes necessary for the whole bubble to close, home learning tasks for each day will be provided and it is most likely that there will be some Zoom sessions to support the learning.

Thank you for your continued support in encouraging your children to be the best they can be! Although we are not able to see parents daily at the moment, please feel free to email the office if you need to speak or meet with us. Here's to a wonderful year!

Best wishes,

Catherine Hodgkinson and Tracey Scott