



Queensgate Foundation Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are very happy to be back for a new school year and hope your children have had an exciting yet relaxing summer holiday and are ready for all of the new challenges ahead. The Year 3 team consists of Mr Tilling, Mrs Lloyd & Mrs Jacobs in 3PT and Miss Mawudoku, Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Antwiss, Mrs Vernau and Miss Rea in 3BM.

One of the most important skills that we hope your children will gain in KS2 is greater independence, so we ask that you say goodbye to your children outside the corridor between the two Year 3 classes and give them the opportunity to be responsible for putting their lunch boxes, book bags, PE kits and coats in the correct places. If you need to speak to us urgently before school then of course come and see us or speak to Miss Rorich in the office to make an appointment, we will always try and get back to you as soon as we are able to. Children need to be collected by one of their listed adults outside the back corridor or at Reception, Y1 or Y2 classes, if arranged in advance.

In the first half of the Autumn Term both classes will be reading Roald Dahl's book 'George's Marvellous Medicine' as the main inspiration for their English work with the expectation that they will write their own version of the main events in the book.

Your child will be sent home with a school reading book and reading record. We expect all children to use their Queensgate book bags as we keep them in class to enable us to hear children read easily, all other school bags can be left on pegs. Please hear your child read as often as possible (5 times a week would be ideal) and don't forget to fill in the record book, you can also write in when they have read other books from home, magazines or instruction booklets etc! Every time your child reads at home they will get a raffle ticket which could win them a new book at the end of each half term; it also has a huge impact on their learning.

In Geography we will be finding out about 'The World Around Us'. This will have a focus on basic map skills.

Both classes will need their PE kits on Tuesday and Friday's. We suggest that as the term gets colder they have a tracksuit in addition to their shorts, t-shirts and trainers; spare socks would be a good idea too. It makes sense to keep PE kits in school for the first half term, unless the children get particularly muddy, as they will only be wearing them for a

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couple of hours per week. Please ensure all kits, school uniforms and coats are named as things can get muddled!

In addition to reading and learning times tables and weekly spellings, Y3 children will have 2 pieces of formal homework each week. Maths Challenge will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in on the following Monday. A writing or topic based homework will be set on Fridays to be handed in on Wednesdays. Homework should be slightly challenging but if your child is really struggling please speak to us or write a note on the work itself so that we are aware. Each piece of work should take approximately half an hour to complete. If homework is not handed in on time we will expect children to complete it in their break or lunch time. As in other year groups we will also set a family homework task linked to our topic.

Historically we have found that children struggle with telling the time and dealing with money so please take every opportunity to encourage your child in these areas of learning!

Y3 children are able to buy toast, crumpets and drinks from the tuck shop at break times. We ask that children are responsible for any money that they bring in but advise that it is kept in their drawer or book-bag in a purse or envelope. As KS2 do not get fruit provided we do recommend that children bring in a piece of fruit for their own break time snack (to eat indoors), this can be kept in their lunchbox or drawer.

Water is essential so please ensure your child brings a water bottle to school. Squash and other sugary drinks are not allowed in the classroom. We ask that bottles are refilled before registration at 08:55. Children will also be reminded at lunch time.

Please make an appointment to speak with us if you have any questions or if you need to share any information about your child or home life which may have an impact on their learning. We will be having formal parent consultations straight after half term when we will be able to talk to you about how your child has settled in and the progress they are making.

We look forward to working in close partnership with you.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Tilling & Miss Mawudoku,

Mrs Lloyd, Mrs Jacobs, Mrs Hiscock, Mrs Antwiss, Mrs Vernau & Miss Rea.