



Upper Beeding Primary School

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AUTUMN TERM – YEARS 3 AND 4

Dear Parent/Carer

Welcome to Years 3 and 4. We hope you found our video and Welcome booklet helpful and answered many of your questions about life in the year group. We are so pleased to see all the children back looking so smart and feeling very enthusiastic. Firstly, we would like to welcome Miss Gilpin to our team. She will be based in France class with Mrs Stringer and Miss Manvell.



We are looking forward to our topic this term called **Stick, Stones and Bones** in which we will be learning about life in prehistoric Britain. We have arranged many exciting activities to support the children's learning including a trip to Butser Ancient Farm. These will provide the children with valuable learning experiences by bringing the topic to life.

PE

It is very important that the children have their PE kit in school throughout the week so that they can fully participate in these lessons. *Please ensure that your child's kit is named.* Earrings should be removed for PE and Games. Newly pierced ears should be covered with micro-pore tape provided by you. Long hair must be tied back. All children will be expected to participate in sessions unless a parent or carer explaining their exclusion has provided a note.



PE days

The children will continue to benefit from the wide range of sports opportunities provided to them this term. The days that your child needs their PE kits are as follows:

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| • Canada (Mrs Wellby) | Tuesday & Thursday |
| • France Class (Mrs Stringer) | Monday & Thursday |
| • India Class (Miss P-B) | Monday & Friday |
| • Mexico (Miss Underdown) | Tuesday & Friday |

HOMEWORK

Children will be set weekly maths homework as well as a fortnightly topic activity. We have created a grid from which children may choose an activity. They can be completed in any order but all activities should be completed by the end of the term. The due dates for the grid homework are shown on their sheet which has been stuck into the front of their homework book. It is anticipated that the majority of homework tasks should take **no longer** than 40 minutes and it is **fine to stop after this time**. We do appreciate your support with your child's work at home.



READING



We would ask that all children do some daily reading. We would also kindly ask that the children's reading record books are completed by an adult at least once a week and handed into their class teacher on a **MONDAY** morning.

'Book Bingo' is a reading initiative in Years 3&4 to encourage reading. This term sees 'Places and People' in which children have set places and people they need to be seen reading to/at. On achieving 'Bingo', the children will receive a certificate, a reading leaf and a house point. Year 4s who completed different stages last year we will continue from this point rather than go back to the beginning. We would be grateful if you could encourage your child to participate in this.

SPELLINGS



Instead of weekly lists, your child will be given a grid containing all of their term's spellings. We ask that it is put in a prominent place at home where they can refer to it on a weekly basis. Every Monday morning, they will be given their list of words for the week from which a range of spelling activities will be set. We have ensured that the activities are engaging in order to help the children learn their words.

CLASS ASSEMBLIES

There will be no class assemblies this term due to the current situation.

HEALTHY LUNCH BOXES



As part of our aim to provide our children with healthy life styles, children should be provided with a healthy packed lunch. If your child would like a snack at break time, please can you ensure it is a piece of fruit or vegetables, such as carrot sticks. Please do not send your child to school with nuts, peanut butter or products containing nuts as we do have children in school who are severely allergic to such items.

WATER BOTTLES



Your child will need a clearly named plastic bottle of drinking water to have in class; these should not be used for squash or fruit juice. Children are encouraged to fill these up at the start of the day and during break and lunchtimes.

COMMUNICATION

We will miss being able to talk to you at the start and end of the day. However, if you need to get in touch with us, please either send a message on the VLE or email / phone the office. We will get back to you as quickly as we can.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Wellby, Mrs Stringer, Miss Pemberton-Bates and Miss Underdown

