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Dear children, parents and carers,

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Welcome back and welcome to Year 3! I hope you had a lovely summer break and are looking forward to the new and exciting challenges of being in Key Stage 2 (KS2) and Year 3! This letter will let you know all the important things about our new class. Later this half term (date to be confirmed), we will be having a Welcome Meeting to explain this to you in person. We hope you will be able to join us.

Staff

Miss Chapman will teach the Year 3 children part of every day except Wednesday, and Mrs. Hogan will support each day. Mrs. Allen, who taught the class in the Summer term last year, will teach on Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday. We are delighted to be moving up with our class! We will also be supported in class by Mrs. Lodhi. We all work very closely together and use the same classroom routines to ensure consistency for the children.

Communication

We are always happy to discuss anything with our children's families. There will be a class teacher available just before and after school at the door for this. You can ring up the school office to make an appointment or catch one of us at the school gate. Class information and photos of the children's activities will be posted on the school **website**. Please check the Year 3 pages regularly for updates - <http://www.st-james-hyde.tameside.sch.uk/>. We also often send out letters or text messages so please look out for these.

Rewards

We will of course continue to reward hard work and good behaviour! Children can earn dojos daily, and milestones are recognised with badges in **Good News assemblies** (which you are welcome to attend each **Thursday**). At the end of each week children will be rewarded with the Golden Time they have earned each day.

Children who struggle to choose appropriate behaviour for learning will have their behaviour discussed and a warning given, and in KS2 we use the Good To Be Green system. If the behaviour continues, they will change their card to orange, to act as a reminder that their behaviour needs to change. If the behaviour continues, they will move their card to red, and they will discuss their choices with an adult. If their card remains red at the end of the day they have not earned their Golden Time for that day, and they will spend 5 minutes reflecting on the choices they made during Friday Golden Time. Children are always given the chance to change their behaviour and will move back to green and earn dojos during the day if they decide to make good choices.

P.E.

The children will continue to have PE on a **Tuesday**. All children must come to school in **full PE kit** on this day. Full PE kit includes a **plain white t-shirt, plain navy blue or black shorts or jogging bottoms, and black pumps** (which can be left in a bag in school) **or trainers**. **Children should not wear any other sports wear**. Children can wear their school jumper throughout the day. Children need their hair tied up and we would prefer the children not to wear earrings. If this is not possible you must sign a consent form accepting full responsibility for any injury that occurs (available at the office) and please ensure your child wears small studs. **This year we would expect children to be able to tie their own shoe laces so get practicing at home!** Children who do not have full PE kit will not be allowed to take part in PE for safety.

Reading

Reading at home continues to be really important for your child's learning. Children will bring home a reading book and Reading Record. They must **bring these books to school every day** in their bookbags. They will be changed regularly by staff. Reading these books at home is a great chance for you to see your child's progress and support them in their learning. Please read as often as you can, this could take just 10 minutes, or as long as you like, **and simply record the date and a short comment in the Reading Record book**. This will show us your child has read. School reading will be done in reading lessons, so we may not always write in these books. As well as reading, it is very important you **discuss the book, and ask and answer questions** to develop comprehension skills.

Homework

Each half term the children will get a homework project. This does not need to be completed until the end of that half term. It will be linked to the topic being taught in class and is your chance to get creative and share their learning together. It can be whatever you wish and can be done using things in your house or local library. Please do not worry about the projects being 'fancy', whatever you come up with together is great!

Spellings

Your child will get spellings to practice and learn each week. These will be given out on a **Friday** and tested the following **Friday**. Learning to spell useful words is a vital part of your child's reading and writing education. **Please practice spellings little and often using the look, cover, write, check** technique, and make them meaningful by writing them in a sentence. There will be no book for this, this year, just use whatever you have to hand. This should be one practice each night, rather than all in one go. Now the children are in KS2, they will also be expected to practise their spellings on **Spelling Shed** by playing **at least 3 games each night**. The login for this is attached to this letter. They will be rewarded for regular practise with dojos.

Times Tables

This year the children will have a weekly times tables test on a **Monday**. This will begin with the 2's, 5's and 10's and gradually move through the tables. Children are expected to practice for this by completing **at least 3 games each night** on **Time Tables Rock Stars**. The login for this is attached to this letter. They will be rewarded for regular practise with dojos.

Music

An exciting part of moving to KS2 is getting to play an instrument! Children will be allocated an instrument to bring home and practice. They must look after it and bring it in **every Friday** for music lessons. If they forget their instrument they will not be able to join in with that part of the music lesson.

Snack

In KS2 children may bring their own small, healthy snack for morning playtime. A snack will not be provided. Water is available at any time of the day. If you wish for your child to have milk each day, it is possible to pay for this at the office.

Clothing

Every year children arrive in beautiful new uniform, and every year some of them have lost it within the first week! Please remember to write your child's name in **all** items of clothing. If an item does not have a name in it, we may write it in.

I hope this letter is helpful. If you have any questions or queries at all, please feel free to see either of us in class after school.

Regards,

Miss Chapman, Mrs. Allen and the Year 3 team.