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Welcome to Year 3 River Class

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you're all enjoying a lovely summer break. My name is Mr Napier, and I'm delighted to introduce myself as the new teacher for Year 3 this coming school year. I'm excited to be continuing my journey with the school and to have the opportunity to work with your children. As we prepare for the start of the new term, I wanted to take a moment to reach out and say hello. I'm looking forward to meeting the pupils and getting to know each of them, as well as working together with you throughout the year to support their learning and growth.

Staff – I will be the main teacher for Year 3, teaching the class across all subjects. In Autumn 1, your children will also enjoy lessons with some of our wonderful specialist staff. PE will be on Monday and Wednesday, while Forest Schools will be taught during our weekly curriculum rotations by Mr. McCarty. Our class will also be supported by our experienced teaching assistants, Mrs Burton, Mrs Beesley and Mrs Brett Hill throughout the week.

Early Morning Routine – Children will come straight into the classroom at 8.25 a.m. Once inside, they'll hang their coats and bags in the cloakroom before settling at their tables with a book or activity on the screen. During this time, we will hear readers and take the register.

Fruit – Your child is welcome to bring a piece of fruit or a healthy snack for morning break.

Drinks – Please send your child in with a named water bottle. It's important they stay hydrated, especially as it can get warm in the classroom. Water bottles will be kept in a designated area, not on tables, to avoid any accidents with workbooks or Chromebooks.

Lunchboxes – These will be stored safely in a lunchbox container in the cupboard.

End of the Day – Our school day ends at 3.05 p.m. I will lead the children to the back gate where they will wait with me until they are collected by a known adult.

Uniform – Please ensure that all clothing, especially jumpers, coats, and PE kits, are clearly labelled with your child's name. As we head into colder months, hats and waterproof coats are essential. We aim to get outside daily, even in light rain.

P.E. and Forest Schools – PE lessons will take place Monday and Wednesday. On these days, children should come to school dressed in their full PE kits. As the weather cools, please make sure they have jogging bottoms and a warm sports jumper. Forest Schools will be timetabled across the year—details will be confirmed at the start of each half term. Wellies and waterproofs are recommended and can be kept at school.

Homework – Reading – Reading will be our main homework focus. We have a brilliant range of texts in our class library and we'll regularly visit the school library. Children should read daily, and each will have a reading record to help track this. Please record when you read with your child. I'll be checking reading logs every Friday, and children will be awarded Dojos for regular reading.

Spelling – Weekly spelling lists will be set based on class learning and will link to key phonics, suffixes, or tricky words. The list will include different ways to practise spelling at home. Spelling tests will be every Friday.

Topic Projects – At the start of each term, children will receive a project sheet linked to our current topic (e.g. *From Stones to Steel* in Autumn, *Groovy Greeks* in Spring, and *Awesome Earth* in Summer). These offer a variety of creative and investigative tasks to suit different strengths. We ask that each child completes at least one each term, and we'll celebrate all contributions in class.

Class Dojo – We'll be using Class Dojo as our behaviour and communication platform. Children will earn Dojos for positive behaviour and effort. You'll be able to view their progress, receive updates, and see photos or videos of what we've been up to. Please check the app regularly. If you need to message me, Dojo is a great way to get in touch and I'll respond as soon as I can.

Thank you for taking the time to read this. Please don't hesitate to come and speak to me after school if you have any questions or concerns – I'm always happy to chat. You can also message me directly via Class Dojo. I'm really looking forward to working with you and your child this year. It's going to be a fantastic adventure through the Stone Age, Ancient Greece and the awesome forces of the Earth!

Warm regards,

Mr Napier

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