



# Ashley Junior School

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3<sup>rd</sup> September 2021

Dear Parent/Carer,

## Welcome to Year Three!

As a team, we would like to welcome you to Ashley Junior School. We would like to take this opportunity to inform you of the curriculum coverage for the Autumn Term. Please find the curriculum web attached which outlines the learning objectives for our new topic 'Giraffes Can't Dance'. We hope that the following information will enable you to provide support and encouragement for your child.

## Parent Welcome Meeting

The year 3 parent welcome meeting will be held at 9:00am on Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> September lasting approximately 20 minutes to share expectations. We look forward to meeting you there.

## Parent Consultations

Parent consultations have been arranged for **Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 30<sup>th</sup> September**. Time slots will be available between 3:40pm – 6:00pm. Appointments can be made via your child's online account [www.scopay.com/login](http://www.scopay.com/login) from Friday 17<sup>th</sup> September or contact the school office.

Your child will be bringing home their **Reading River Record, Doodle Spell & Maths (online learning)** password soon.

The home learning requirements for Year 3:

## Reading

Children are expected to read daily for at least 10 minutes and record their thoughts and feelings in response to what they have read in their Reading River Record. The expectations for this will be shared and modelled with the children during the first week of term ready for this to start week beginning Monday 13<sup>th</sup> September. The children's work in this book will go towards selecting the 'Star Reader' for Kestrel and Wren Class. A 'Star Reader' will be chosen, celebrated and mentioned in the weekly newsletter.

**Library Day:** This will take place every Tuesday. Please ensure your child remembers their library book every week.

## Spelling

Your child will be asked to practise their spellings weekly on a programme called 'DoodleSpell'. The programme builds your child's spelling confidence and ability as it is tailored to their individual strengths and weaknesses. This will only have an impact if they use 'DoodleSpell' at least three times a week for 10 minutes per session.

## **Maths**

Your child will be expected to access 'DoodleMaths,' an online Mathematics platform that is designed to challenge and inspire children on their Mathematical learning journey. We recommend completing at least three times per week for 10 minute sessions.

## **School Trips/Visits**

As part of our Science topic this term, we have organised a visit to the school from 'The Explorer Dome Company.' A separate letter with more details will follow shortly.

## **P.E.**

P.E. will be on Mondays. Children will need to come into school wearing their kit on the day. PE Kit consists of house team T-shirt, black shorts, plain socks and sensible trainers. It will be acceptable in the colder weather for children to be in black or blue tracksuit bottoms along with their school jumper with their PE Kit underneath.

## **In school equipment**

Last year we encouraged children to leave school bags at home. This year they are allowed again. Please note, the cubby holes are quite small so large bags may be inappropriate. Also, all stationery is provided so the children do not need to bring pencil cases. Toys and fidgets are not permitted.

## **Snacks and Water bottles**

We politely request **ALL** children have a named water bottle in school. Please ensure that these are not filled with squash or fizzy drinks, as only water is permitted. These will need to return home and be washed each day. Fruit and vegetable snacks are welcome, but we request that no other type of snack is provided. Milk can be purchased through the cool milk scheme [www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/](http://www.ashleyjuniorschool.co.uk/school-lunches/). Alternatively you may be entitled to free milk.

## **Communication with Parents / Carers**

Please use our class emails to get in touch with us about anything you feel you need to discuss and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

- [wren@ajs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:wren@ajs.hants.sch.uk)
- [kestrel@ajs.hants.sch.uk](mailto:kestrel@ajs.hants.sch.uk)

Yours faithfully,

**Year 3 team**