



DUNNINGTON C.E. PRIMARY SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are now ready for the new school year ahead. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year with your children. This is the Year 3 and 4 team:

- Miss Sheard – Year 4 Class Teacher
- Miss Dunn – Year 4 Class Teacher
- Mrs Jones – Year 3 Class Teacher

Mrs Subritzky will be covering PPA time in the Year 3 class.

In Year 4 this year, Miss Sheard will be covering the PPA in Miss Dunn's class, supported by the Year 4 Teaching assistants. When Miss Sheard is on PPA, her class will be covered by Miss Dunn and a Music Teacher from the York council, who will be teaching all pupils in Year 4 the clarinet and ukulele over the course of the academic year.

Year 3 and Year 4 Teaching Assistants are Mrs Downing and Mrs Rose.

We have enclosed a copy of the topics we will be covering this year. The new curriculum is now in place and we start the year with our topic 'The rolling stones!'.

Please come and see us as soon as possible if you have any concerns regarding your child, however trivial they may seem. We are always happy to meet with you at a mutually convenient time. You will find a basket just inside the classroom door containing spare letters or any left behind at the end of the school day. We have included our e-mail for any non-urgent issues, if you are unable to come in and see us. We will endeavour to reply to these as soon as possible (usually 2 to 3 days) but will obviously be unable to check or reply during the school day or during holiday periods. Anyone needing a quick response should phone the school in the usual way.

There is a Year 3/4 information page on the school website, where you will be able to find copies of letters, homework and information about curriculum activities. Please notify the school office if you do not want pictures or videos of your child used on the website. Activities in the classroom may sometimes involve children baking or eating. It is very important that you let us know at the start of the year if your child has any food allergies or if you do not want them to be involved in food tasting.

In Year 3/4 each child has their own locker or peg, near to their classroom. This is for larger items such as coats and PE kits. Reading books and records need to be brought into the classroom at the start of each day. Please ensure that if your child has a pencil case in school that it is small enough to fit into their tray, as these can sometimes be problematic! Pencil cases are permitted in school for special activities but we suggest basic equipment and coloured pencils. Please avoid novelty items.

PE sessions will take place on the following days:

Miss Sheard	Tuesday and Thursday
Mrs Jones	Thursday and Friday
Miss Dunn	Thursday and Friday

However, there may be impromptu PE activities during the week or changes in the timetable so it is advisable to leave P.E. kits in school all week and take them home to wash at the weekend. Please can you ensure that your child has the correct PE kit of a plain white T-shirt and black shorts. Football kits are not appropriate for PE sessions. Earrings must be removed for PE and if your child has pierced ears they must be able to remove earrings by themselves. Any child who cannot remove their earrings will not be able to take part in P.E. Trainers will be needed for outdoor PE and perhaps a tracksuit or black jogging bottoms for the colder months. A spare pair of socks would be helpful to have in school at all times and a separate carrier bag for wet shoes. Children will require plimsolls if they have a foot infection. Please notify us in writing or by e-mail in advance if your child is unable to participate in PE for any reason.

The children will have a reading record, which can be used to give a clear indication of their reading progress. All Year 3 and 4 children **are expected to change their own reading books during allocated class time**. They will be given the opportunity to do this on a daily basis. Each child has chosen their own book from their allocated colour band. The children have been shown how to use their reading record and the library correctly. They are encouraged to record any books they have read and make comments about these books on completion in their reading record. Although we would like children to have a school reading book from the library, they are welcome to read books alongside these from home. Please feel free to write any comments you may have in your child's reading record. Your child will generally have one Guided Reading session per week.

Spellings and a mental maths objectives are introduced on a Monday. There will then be a spelling and mental maths test on the Friday. A copy of these can be found on the school website. These will be completed in the spelling book, marked and handed back to the children as soon as possible for children to take home. We encourage the Year 4 children to independently check their spellings.

It is important that the children have the opportunity to share their news or achievements with the rest of the class. These 'Show and Tell' sessions will generally take place on a Friday but may not be every week and mainly in Year 3. Please only allow your child to bring in a small object, as space in the classroom can be limited. We understand how precious these objects are so we would recommend that these are stored safely in lockers and go home with your child on the same day.

As previously stated we will be assisted by Mrs Downing and Mrs Rose at various points during the week but are always keen to welcome any willing volunteers into class. Please let us know if you are available to help with reading, times tables records or the more creative activities.

Please feel welcome to come into the classroom to both admire your child's work and talk to us if you have any issues you wish to discuss. If you do need to urgently speak to us at the start of the school day please try to catch us at 8.40am after our daily staff meeting, **before we need to collect the children at 8.50am**.

We look forward to a successful and fun year ahead.

Best Wishes

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