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Dear Parents/Carers,

We are writing to introduce our Year 3 team for this academic year and to share some key information to help ensure a smooth start.

This year, our team consists of:

- **Robins Class:** Mrs Roderick and Mrs Gibbs, supported by Mrs Fensome and Mrs Choudhury
- **Red Deer Class:** Mrs O'Connor, supported by Mrs Niles and Mrs Winter
- **Miss Morgan** will also be supporting across Year 3.

One big change for Year 3 is your child will no longer automatically be entitled to universal free school meals, unless you are in receipt of certain benefits and have completed a free school meal form. If you think you may be entitled, please visit the office to collect a form or forms will be available at this afternoon's 'Meet The Teacher' sessions.

Home Learning

Homework will be uploaded to **Seesaw** at the end of the first full week of each term. It will include a range of suggested activities linked to our current **Learning Enquiry**. Please upload a photo of your child's completed work to Seesaw, or they can bring it into school to share with their class.

Every Friday, your child will bring home a **spelling homework sheet**, which will also be available on Seesaw. Children will be given **6–8 words** to learn over a three-week period, with spelling tests taking place every Friday. Please encourage your child to practise regularly in short bursts at home.

Reading remains a vital part of home learning. Children will bring home an age-appropriate **Accelerated Reader (AR)** book, which they will quiz on at school once finished. Children still receiving phonics will be sent home a book related to their current sound focus each week. Please take care of these books, as a significant number were not returned last year.

PE

Our main PE lessons in Year 3 take place on:

- **Tuesday afternoons** (indoor PE)
- **Thursday afternoons** (outdoor PE)

On these days, children should come to school wearing their PE kit. This should include:

- Their usual school jumper
- A white school shirt or plain white t-shirt
- Dark blue or black shorts/tracksuit bottoms
- Trainers or plimsolls

Wearing PE kit all day removes the need for changing at school.

What to Bring into School

We provide all necessary equipment for your child's learning, so we kindly ask that **pencil cases and personal stationery** stay at home. Please note that, unlike in Year 2, children in **Key Stage 2 are not provided with a daily snack**, so we recommend sending in a **healthy snack** for break time if your child would like one.

Finally, please ensure that **all school uniform is clearly labelled** with your child's full name. Last year, we had a large amount of unclaimed lost property that we were unable to return.

Thank you for your continued support. We are excited to work with you and your children this year. If you have any questions, please contact the school office, and they will pass your message on to the relevant class teacher.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Roderick, Mrs Gibbs, and Mrs O'Connor

The Year 3 Team