

## Other Information

### Reading:

Children **must** remember to bring home their reading record and a reading book every night. Discussing with your child what he/she has read really helps them develop their comprehension skills, and regular reading helps the child to become a more confident and fluent reader.

### PE Kit:

Please make every effort to ensure that your child brings in their PE kit on the correct days, including appropriate shoes in case they are taken outside for P.E.

In year 3, PE is on **Tuesday**.

### Homework

Please remember that homework is given out on a **Tuesday** and due in by the following **Monday**. The children will have weekly spellings to learn, handwriting practise and times tables practise. There will also be a more creative extension activity. It is fine to help your child with these and you may wish to mark the maths as part of the process.



# Duncombe Primary School

## Parents Information

Autumn Term (1)

Middle Phase

Year: 3

Dear Parents,

This booklet should help to explain some of the things your child will be doing in class this half-term.

Yours faithfully,

*Tilly, Jackie and Amy*

## English

This term we will be focusing on the children's basic literacy skills with intensive spelling, grammar, punctuation and comprehension lessons. The children will be asked to complete one piece of big writing each week on a Friday, related to our topic and covering a wide range of different writing styles. We will be encouraging children to join their handwriting and we expect them to practise this weekly as part of their homework. Children should also continue reading every night and bringing in a **signed** reading diary or a piece of paper every day to show they have done this.

## Maths

In Year 3 we will continue to revise some basic skills taught in Year 2. Pupils need to become increasingly confident in their ability to choose the methods with which they solve maths problems. **In year 3, children are expected to learn the 2, 5, 10, 3 and 4 times tables by heart and at speed!** Please practice these at home with your child as we will be testing regularly!

## Science

This term we will be studying properties of materials through the context of an alien visiting our planet. The children will identify a range of common materials, recognise properties such as hardness, strength and flexibility through regular experiments and investigations.

## ICT

Children will continue to learn some important basic ICT skills. There will particularly be a focus on keyboard and word-processing skills. The children will also be using their ICT skills to support their learning in other subjects.

## Topic

Our topic this half-term will be a particularly exciting study of Football. Pupils will learn about the value of teamwork and fair play. They will undertake a study of the local area and the changes brought about by the building of the new Emirates Stadium. They will use a variety of sources to learn about the history of football, in particular Arsenal FC.

## Art/DT

As part of our work on football, the children will be designing football kits and making model stadiums.

## R.E/P.S.H.E/Philosophy

We will be exploring different religions through candle stories, RE week and phase assemblies.

## P.E

The children will be learning skills and strategies related to football in their PE lessons this term.

## Music

Year 3 children will continue to learn how to play the recorder. They will be taught by a professional musician on a weekly basis.

## French

In Year 3, the children will be taught French. A specialist teacher will come every two weeks and the year 3 teachers will organise follow up activities for the following week in order to consolidate the children's knowledge of basic vocabulary.