



Welcome to Year 3 !

Spelling

Children will be given a spelling list of 10 words each week on Wednesday, which they will be required to practise at home in preparation for a spelling test on the following Wednesday before receiving their new list. The list of spellings will be sent home in the contact book. We will also post the list on Class Dojo.

Reading

Accelerated Reader (AR) is a computer program that helps teachers to manage and monitor children's independent reading practice. It has been a very successful programme that we have been using at St Stephen's for a while now. It encourages a love of reading, allows children to access a variety of texts and ensures the children understand what they are reading with a small follow up quiz. We will be assessing children using the Star Reader programme as soon as possible. However, we do require your permission to do so. If you haven't already done so, please ensure that the permission form sent home in July is completed and returned as soon as possible. Once your child has been assessed, they will be sent home with a reading book suited to their level. You can record what they read in their contact book. In the meantime, while we complete assessments, children are welcome to read any books they enjoy at home.

Times Tables

We will begin by consolidating our knowledge of the 2's, 5's and 10's times tables. If your child has mastered their multiplication facts, there are extra levels of challenge to deepen their learning and promote maths mastery. Each term, we complete a times tables check that tests all tables up to 12. If you would like to know the results of the times tables check in more detail, please ask your class teacher. Please continue to practise and learn times tables using whichever method suits you most. We encourage children to use Times Tables Rock Stars, log ins will be available from September.

Class Dojo

We will continue to keep you up to date on Class Dojo as well as celebrate good work and share our positives of the week with you. It is also a simple and easy way to communicate with your class teacher if you have any questions. If you are not connected to Class Dojo, please do let us know.

PE and Forest School:

Forest School sessions will begin in Week 2, starting on **Monday 8th September**. On their Forest School day, children should come to school dressed in their Forest School kit and bring a **spare set of clothes**, including socks and shoes, in case they get muddy or wet. **Sand Cat** and **Koala** classes will have Forest School on **Mondays**, and **Python** class will have their session on **Fridays**.

All children should wear PE kits on Tuesday.