Dear Parents/Carers,

I would like to start by welcoming everyone back to school. I am looking forward to having pupils return to Class 3 and having some new faces join to join us. However, there aren’t only new children joining Class 3. This year we have Mrs Cave joining us in Class 3, she will be there to support the children in the morning. Mrs Berkel will be in Class 3 in the afternoon to provide support and interventions.

The PE days this term are **Tuesday** (taught by Mr Green) and **Thursday** (taught by Miss Mee). Please can the children come to school in full kit and have an alternative pair of shoes to wear inside, if their spare shoes are also their PE shoes. This avoids children sitting in wet trainers all day.

Clarinet is on a **Thursday**- please ensure that instruments and any relevant sheet music is in school every **Thursday**.

We are very excited to have new activities on a **Friday** afternoon. This half term, the children will be participating in woodland skills with Mrs Rankin. They will need a spare pair of shoes, a waterproof jacket and a change of clothes if the weather is bad. After October half-term the children will be cooking on a Friday afternoon with Ms Sarah.

Children are welcome to bring a small pencil case but they will be provided with everything they need for lessons. Please do not bring other items from home such as trinkets and teddies. Children will be asked to take anything home that is not benefitting their learning.

In English this term we are reading Treason by Berlie Doherty and we have already started producing some wonderful work about Henry VIII. This lends itself perfectly to our topic this term which is the Tudors. We have already acted out the Battle of Bosworth and created Tudor timelines. Turtles spelling have been sent home ready to learn for the upcoming spelling test on **Fridays**. Other homework details will be given shortly.

In English, Dolphins are studying the historical fiction narrative 'Spymaster: First Blood,' which is set in the Tudor era, during the reign of King Henry VIII. We will be responding creatively to the text and exploring the motivations and actions of different characters. Dolphins' spellings will be sent home on a Thursday and will be tested the following week.

In both classes in maths, we will be developing our understanding of place value, including negative numbers and Roman numerals, before moving on to the four operations of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. Dolphins will also be learning about the properties of shape.

In music the Turtles class will be developing their understanding of notation, including how to read and write simple four beat rhythms and how to recognise different pitches on the stave. We will also be learning a variety of songs from the Friday Afternoons song bank, which includes exciting new repertoire written especially for children. After half term, we will be focussing on performance skills as we work towards our Christmas performance.

In whole class reading, we have started The Twits and look forward to reading all about the mischief Mr and Mrs Twit cause.

In science, we are looking at electricity and creating our own circuits and in computing the children will be learning about word processing and making posters to advertise for the upcoming Macmillan coffee morning.

 In Art, we are focusing on our drawing skills and focusing on pointillism.

In French, we will be developing our confidence when speaking with a focus on pronunciation of key sounds. We will continue to develop reading, writing and listening skills through the topics of seasons and fruits.

I'm looking forward to seeing you all soon and having another fantastic year.

Best wishes,
Miss Mee