

Year 3 Autumn 1 2024 Newsletter

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and a big welcome to Year 3! Miss Barling, Mrs Bingham and I are extremely excited about the year ahead and hope you are too. I am excited to welcome your children into our class. We hope they settle in class quickly and happily, but if you have any questions or concerns, please pop in to talk to us or write a note in their new planner for us to respond to.

We are extremely lucky to have Miss Barling and Mrs Bingham as our year 3 teaching assistants. They will be regularly in our class to support children and run various interventions.

We have an exciting term ahead of us with our new topic 'How is land used differently in the UK?' Within this topic we will be learning about how people live in cities and villages, as well as learning how maps help us understand the world around us.

In science, we are going to be studying rocks and fossils, how they are formed and where can we find them today. We will also be performing scientific observations on rocks whilst learning to understand how we use a variety of rocks in everyday materials.

Art will focus on British artists, looking at the work of Paula Rego and Thomas Gainsborough.

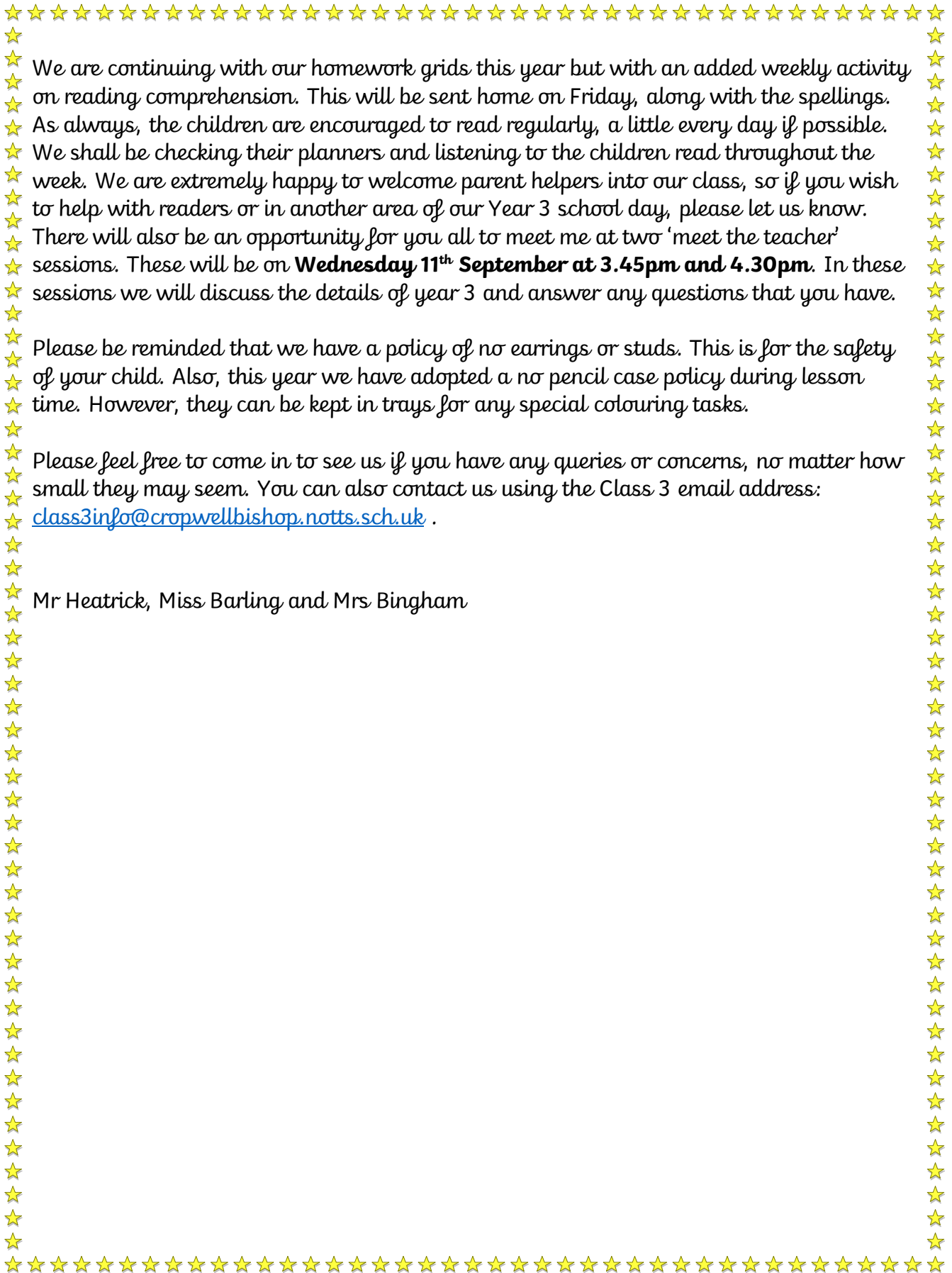
Computing will concentrate on e-safety and coding – continuing from previous learning in Year 2.

In RE, we are focusing on brave people in the Bible, including Abraham, Noah and David.

Our English lessons will be exploring the texts 'Dolphin Boy' & 'The Hodgeheg' as well as writing based upon the short film 'Little Boat' by Nelson Boles. We will be writing stories and descriptive text along with poems based on the seasons.

Our maths lessons will focus on number, place value and number facts. We will be using Times Table Rockstars as well as Hit the Button to support the children's learning of their times tables.

We will be doing P.E. on Tuesday and Thursday morning. Please ensure your child has a full school P.E. kit in every day though in case of short notice changes to the timetable.



We are continuing with our homework grids this year but with an added weekly activity on reading comprehension. This will be sent home on Friday, along with the spellings. As always, the children are encouraged to read regularly, a little every day if possible. We shall be checking their planners and listening to the children read throughout the week. We are extremely happy to welcome parent helpers into our class, so if you wish to help with readers or in another area of our Year 3 school day, please let us know. There will also be an opportunity for you all to meet me at two 'meet the teacher' sessions. These will be on **Wednesday 11th September at 3.45pm and 4.30pm**. In these sessions we will discuss the details of year 3 and answer any questions that you have.

Please be reminded that we have a policy of no earrings or studs. This is for the safety of your child. Also, this year we have adopted a no pencil case policy during lesson time. However, they can be kept in trays for any special colouring tasks.

Please feel free to come in to see us if you have any queries or concerns, no matter how small they may seem. You can also contact us using the Class 3 email address: class3info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk.

Mr Heatrick, Miss Barling and Mrs Bingham