

Class 3 Spring Term Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a restful and enjoyable Christmas with your families and friends. I would like to share with you my plans for the Spring term. I am sure that everyone in Class 3 will have a happy and productive time this term.

In English our narrative is 'How to Train your Dragon' written by Cressida Cowell. We will explore what happens in each chapter of this brilliant book and use it as inspiration for many creative writing tasks. In SPaG the focus will change each week and basic knowledge of sentence structure, word groups and punctuation will continue to be developed over the term. Each week our spelling lessons will focus on different rules and groups of words which will help Class 3 to build their vocabulary and confidence with spelling.

In Maths this term, children will learn how to identify and represent fractions and consolidate their knowledge of money. They will focus on multiplication, division, addition and subtraction. Children will continue to practise problem solving and reasoning skills through various activities.

Vikings and Anglo-Saxons will be our focus in History this term which links well with our class narrative. We will learn about life during this time, invaders and settlers and spend time researching facts to discover new information.

In Art sessions we will spend time embedding important skills such as using different pencil strokes to create a desired effect and layering material to create montages / collages. We will use dragons and Viking / Anglo-Saxon artefacts as inspiration for pieces of artwork.

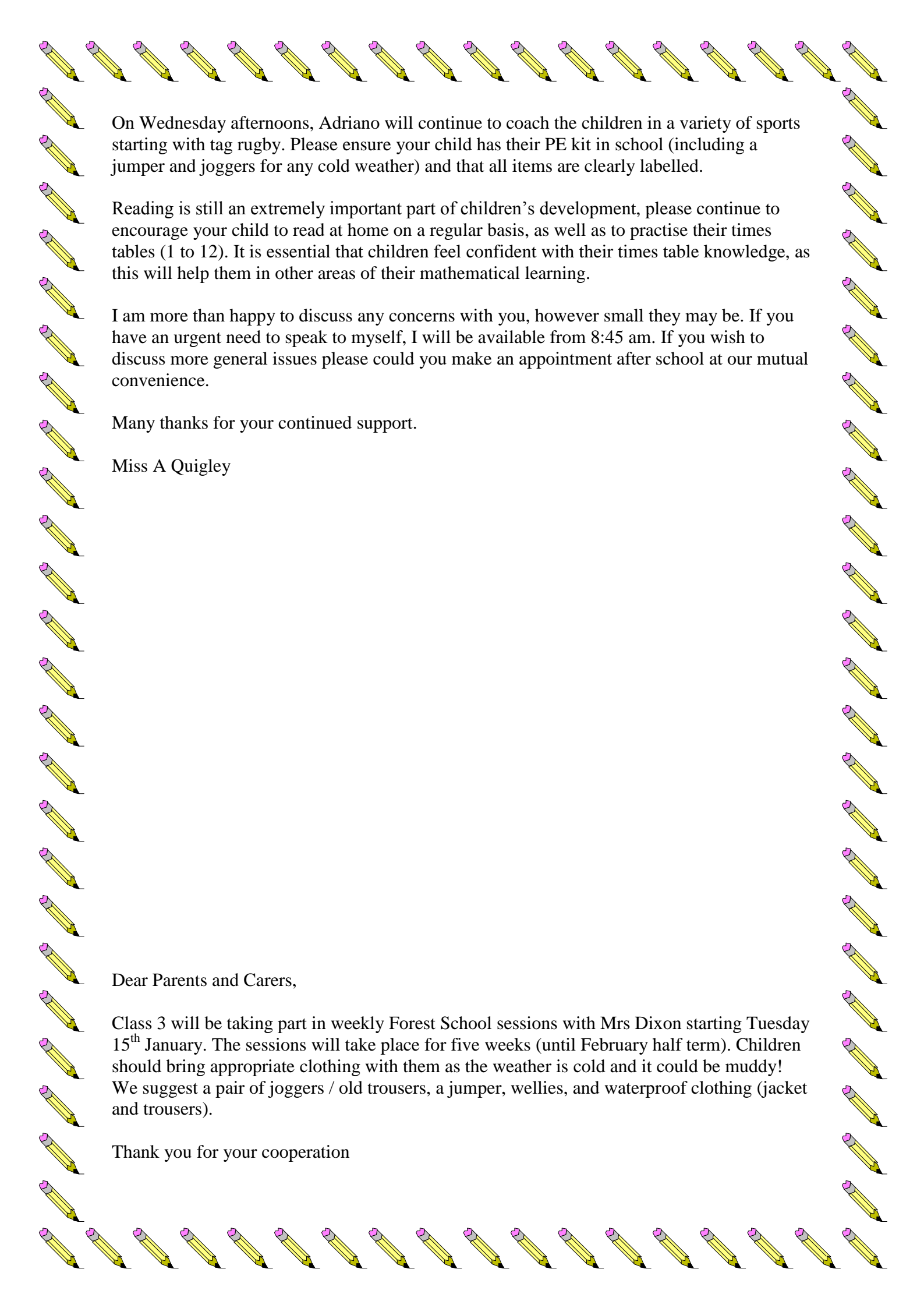
In Science this term, children will learn about the human digestive system, they will learn the specific organs involved in digestion as well as other features such as human teeth. The children will have the chance to be creative and experimental in these lessons. They will enhance their investigation skills through practical activities and research.

As well as using computers and iPads for research, Class 3 will learn all about coding and programming using various online tools such as Scratch and Turtle. In addition, E-safety will be a large focus of these lessons.

Mrs Dixon is leading Music sessions with Class 3 this term. They will be using a variety of instruments to play different pieces of music. These sessions will largely focus on musical notation and will enable all children in the class to play different instruments.

In RE this term children will read various Bible stories and discuss important beliefs within Christianity and Hinduism. Towards Easter, the focus will move to the Easter Story and the importance of Easter to Christians.

On Tuesday afternoon, starting on 14th January until February half term, Class 3 will be taking part in Forest Schools with Mrs Dixon. Children will need appropriate clothing that they do not mind getting muddy (jumper, joggers, wellies and waterproof coats / trousers). Children can bring their Forest School clothes and wellies into school in a named carrier bag. These sessions will enhance children's cooperation, team work and problem solving skills.



On Wednesday afternoons, Adriano will continue to coach the children in a variety of sports starting with tag rugby. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school (including a jumper and joggers for any cold weather) and that all items are clearly labelled.

Reading is still an extremely important part of children's development, please continue to encourage your child to read at home on a regular basis, as well as to practise their times tables (1 to 12). It is essential that children feel confident with their times table knowledge, as this will help them in other areas of their mathematical learning.

I am more than happy to discuss any concerns with you, however small they may be. If you have an urgent need to speak to myself, I will be available from 8:45 am. If you wish to discuss more general issues please could you make an appointment after school at our mutual convenience.

Many thanks for your continued support.

Miss A Quigley

Dear Parents and Carers,

Class 3 will be taking part in weekly Forest School sessions with Mrs Dixon starting Tuesday 15th January. The sessions will take place for five weeks (until February half term). Children should bring appropriate clothing with them as the weather is cold and it could be muddy! We suggest a pair of joggers / old trousers, a jumper, wellies, and waterproof clothing (jacket and trousers).

Thank you for your cooperation

Miss Quigley

