

Dear Parent/carer

I hope you have had a relaxing summer and I am sure you are now ready to start the new school year, so welcome to Year 3 and 4.

I am looking forward to the year ahead working together and hope to have a very enjoyable and successful year. I hope that you enjoy the new challenges that your child will face in their new year group.

This term we will be studying Number and Place Value, calculations covering addition, subtraction, multiplication and division plus further multiplication and division in maths. The focus book for Power of Reading is Moon Man. In science the children will be learning about rocks and light. RE, Geography and History will be taught by Mrs Stanley and the focus this term will be the Vikings and Rainforests. ICT will be linked to all subjects.

A full PE kit needs to be brought into school every **Thursday**. The PE kit consists of black or navy shorts and the child's team colour T-shirt. **(No football/rugby shirts allowed.)** In the case of a child forgetting their PE kit, they will lose 5 minutes of their golden time. If your child requires an inhaler, please make sure there is a named and in date one in school at all times. Please ensure that your child's name is on all school clothing.

Year 3 and 4 spellings will be given out on a Friday for you to work on with your child at home. A test will be given the following Friday. Both year groups will be given tables to learn for a test on Friday. Spellings and tables can be found at the back of your child's reading journal. Please help your child learn these words off by heart so that they can use them correctly in their independent writing.

For Homework (linked to Maths and English) I would like your child to practice **regularly** on Lexia, Sumdog and Spelling Shed as these will be aimed at your child's individual level of need. Using any of these games at home will count towards your child's Strive for Five reading target and we will check in school when your child has used any of these at home. I would also ask for your continued support with our Strive for Five Reading target, where your child should read aloud to an adult five times or more every week. All of this information will be found inside your child's new reading journal, as well as your child's personal passwords and usernames

Punctuality is very important at Derwent Vale. The children must be lined up at 8.45am ready to begin the school day. If they are late they will lose their break time.

I have high expectations of your child, both academically and in terms of behaviour, and I am sure that you will support me with this to make this a very positive year. It is important to me that your child feels happy and settled, so please do not hesitate to speak to me if you have any concerns. Appointments are best made for the end of the day if possible.

Thank you for your support

Kind regards

Mrs White