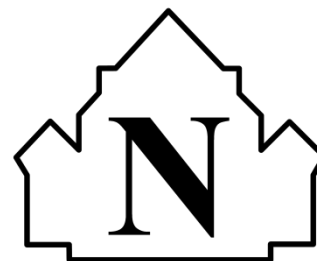


Friday 6th January 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you all to Year 3 (Karslake Class) and hope you had an enjoyable Christmas break. We are very much looking forward to the Spring Term ahead.



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Staff:

Miss Hawke is the full time teacher in Karslake class and will be accompanied by Mrs Kitts (TA) and Ms Grindrod (TA) who will work with us Monday-Friday. On a Monday afternoon, PPA is covered by Mrs Kitts (TA).

Class Dojo:

Class Dojo will be used to give messages about things happening in our class and in school. Thank you to the parents who have already signed-up. Also, you can use the messaging facility on Class Dojo, as this is a private conversation between the class teacher and the child's parent. However, please be aware that Class Dojo messages are not checked every day. Therefore, urgent things that need our attention should be shared with Miss Hawke or Ms Grindrod on the door, or via the office.

Curriculum:

At Nanpean School, we follow the National Curriculum for each subject. A separate Curriculum Overview Sheet is completed for each term and this gives more details about what our class will be covering this term.

PE

Karslake Class will have PE on **Tuesday** and **Wednesday** afternoons. On these days, children can still wear their PE kit to school. Please ensure that PE kits consist of:

- Shorts, leggings or tracksuit bottoms - black
- Plain white T-shirt (no large print or design please)
- Trainers or plimsolls
- Socks
- Tracksuits may be worn for outside PE during colder weather
- No earrings or jewellery to be worn for PE.

Please can all items of PE kit and school uniform be named (even if written on the label with pen).

Outdoor Learning

Outdoor Learning is part of the weekly timetable for each class as this is proven to support children's mental health and wellbeing, while it also provides opportunities for learning to be taken outside. Our Class Outdoor Learning session will vary each week depending on which subject we are doing outside. This will be communicated with you in advance via Class Dojo. On these days, please make sure that

your child has their coat in school as well as a change of suitable footwear due to the wet and/or muddy conditions. Please make sure these are labelled with your child's name.

Reading:

It is expected that children engage in reading activities at home at least 5 times per week. In school, your child will have group reading activities during daily Reading Comprehension or Read Write Inc (Phonics) sessions. Children's books will be changed during these sessions which will either be every 3 or 5 days depending on the story being read in the group. Pupils will have a library slot on **Monday** afternoons where they can select a book to bring home that they can read for pleasure and also record in their reading records. New books cannot be taken from the library until the previous book has been returned so please make sure pupils bring their library book to school on a **Monday**. In Karslake class, alongside the whole school reading challenge, we will be encouraging the children to 'strive to 5 and beyond' and will be rewarding the children that manage to do this through raffle tickets for a small prize.

Reading records will be checked on a **Monday**. Please make sure that your child has their record in school on this day because this is the only day that they will be checked for reading points towards the school reading reward scheme.

Homework:

In addition to reading 5 times a week, children will also be set spellings to practise on 'Spelling Shed'. These spellings are the same as the ones we are learning in class and will be shared on Class Dojo as part of our Monday post. We also have a subscription to TTRockstars which will assist your child in preparing for the statutory Multiplication Tables Check (MTC) assessment in Year 4, so it is vital that this is practised. Your child's login details are in their reading record book. There is no set amount of time that you have to spend on this outside of school, but little and often will be of huge benefit and support your child's learning.

Age Appropriate Gaming and Screen Time:

Many children spend a large amount of time using electronic devices and accessing computer games that are not age appropriate. As a proud Healthy Schools Award holder we would like to remind parents and carers that children are advised to spend no more than 2 hours a day in front of a screen (TV / PC / Laptop / Tablet / Smartphone, etc...).

Communication – an 'Open Door' Policy:

We welcome your feedback on any aspect of your child's time in our class. Miss Hawke (Teacher) will greet the children at the door each morning and will dismiss at the end of the day where quick messages can be given. If you need to discuss something with us which requires more time, please speak to the office who will contact us. Also, you can use the messaging facility on Class Dojo, as this is a private conversation between the class teacher and the child's parent. However, please be aware that Class Dojo messages will only be checked a couple of times a week. Therefore, urgent things that need our attention should be shared with us on the door or via the office.

We are very much looking forward to the term ahead and thank you for your continued support.

Miss Hawke, Mrs Kitts and Ms Grindrod



Karslake Class Team

