

Dear Parents/Carers,



Welcome back! We hope you've all had a peaceful summer. We are very proud of how the children have settled into their new classes and the routines of Year 3.

In English lessons this week, we were introduced to our class text 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We began by considering the feelings of a character in the story and then explored different vocabulary. After identifying the key features of a diary entry, we started to write our own entry from Tranio's point of view.

In Maths this week, we focused on understanding and representing the value of digits in 2 and 3 digit numbers. Next week, we will be adding and subtracting 10 and then 100 to a number.

Our first PE units are Dance and Basketball. Your child will need their full PE kit (indoor and outdoor) in school every day. We also swim on **Wednesdays**. Children **cannot** wear earrings when swimming. If they need to remove earrings, they must be able to do this independently. Hair that is longer than shoulder length **MUST** be covered with a swimming cap.

Every child will shortly be given a reading book from the school reading scheme once all reading stages have been confirmed. Once books are sent home, please encourage your child to read at home and to change their book regularly. It is vital that the children are reading a range of genres as well as answering comprehension questions about the book they are reading. In most books, there will be tips, questions and suggested activities to complete before, during and after reading the book. We do not expect the children to be changing their book more than twice in a week. Remember that reading books more than once is important to improve fluency, expression and enjoyment of reading. For further tips use [www.oxfordowl.co.uk](http://www.oxfordowl.co.uk).

We are so pleased to see everyone back in school and are very impressed with how the children have returned and settled. If you have any queries at all, please contact the office **via email or telephone**.

Many thanks,  
Miss Stephenson & Miss Parker