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Dear Parents / Guardians,

**Welcome to Park House English School**

We would like to welcome you and your child to Year 3.

All children in Key Stage 2 are required to bring their own equipment to school. Can you please ensure your child has their own pencil, rubber, ruler, glue stick and coloured pencils/pens preferably in a pencil case. They should also have a Park House School bag, book bag and P.E. bag. All bags and items of uniform must be marked clearly with the child’s name and class. A hat is an essential part of the school uniform.

Children should have the following:

* Writing pencils and coloured pencils
* Eraser and a sharpener
* 30cm ruler
* Scissors and a glue stick
* Recorder

Please do not enter the school building to drop-off **or** pick-up your child as it is important they develop their independence.

**Reading**

Reading is the key to learning. Children are expected to read every evening. They should read the school colour-coded reading book, these will be changed once per week on a Sunday. The children also have a Library book, which they can change whenever they want. They should read for pleasure and to acquire information.

**Other Homework**

Homework will be given to your child Sunday to Wednesday, it will consolidate and extend the work done during lessons. We will expect it to be completed and handed in by Thursday of that week. This is part of our training programme, so please support us by checking that the given task is done. Each child has a homework diary to record what is to be done. Homework diaries should be signed once a week.

**English**

The children will be working from the Cambridge Primary English Curriculum Framework. The programme covers spelling strategies, vocabulary extension, punctuation, comprehension and extended writing. The Nelson Spelling course provides differentiated activities which allow children to progress through key spelling patterns at their own pace. Time will also be set aside for group reading and handwriting.

**Mathematics**

**Term 1** Number and Problem Solving, Geometry and Problem Solving, Measure and Problem Solving – this includes Money and Time.

**Term 2** Number and Problem Solving, Measure and Problem Solving - this includes Time, Handling Data and Problem Solving.

**Term 3** Numbers including Fractions and Problem Solving, Geometry and Problem Solving, Measure and Problem Solving – this includes Time and Money

**Science**

**Term 1** Teeth and Eating **Term 2** Light and Shadow **Term 3** Materials

**IPC**

**Term 1** Treasure **Term 2** Chocolate **Term 3** Gateways to the World

**Information Technology**

Work will be completed at an appropriate level on the following:

General technological awareness Key boarding

Paint, draw and graphics Word-Processing

Multi media CD-ROM

Control (Logo) Spreadsheets (Excel)

**Art**

This work will be linked to topics. The children will also practice observational drawings and experiment with a variety of materials.

**P.E.**

The children will continue to develop and improve their skills in a range of physical education activities. In swimming they will work to improve their technique, fitness levels and water confidence.

We are here to educate your child to the best of our ability. The best progress is made when there is a 3-way partnership (teacher-parent-child) and we shall endeavour to maintain this relationship.

We hope your child will have a happy, progressive year in Park House.

We thank you for your co-operation.

**PARK HOUSE ENGLISH SCHOOL**

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Head of Primary Year 3 Leader