



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Hercules Class 2022/2023. In the Class there are 20 Year 3s and 10 Year 2s and the children are supported by our wonderful Teaching Partners Miss Glenister (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday PM) and Mrs Deegan (Thursday and Friday AM).

In Maths, the children are given scaffolds to support their learning such as images and resources. These help them to visualise the calculations and understand the maths behind them.

Please can you help your children to learn their times tables. We are practising them in class but they also need to rehearse them at home. Year 2s need to know the 2x, 5x and 10x with the Year 3s also adding the 3x, 4x, and 8x tables to those of Year 2. All children are tested nationally at the end of Year 4 and whilst this is important, learning multiplication tables is one of the greatest gifts to help children in their mathematical education as it enables confident multiplication, division work and fractions to name just a few.

In English, the children are learning to improve their writing using 'The Write Stuff.' This has 3 foci in each lesson; one each from the Fantastics, Grammaristics and Boomtastics. Please see the Writing Rainbow on the next page. Not only does this help to improve the children's vocabulary but also enables them to learn a wide range of writing techniques throughout the year.

Our Humanities subject this term is History and the topic is 'Houses through Time.' We are looking forward to our trip around the village next week to see what interesting homes there are in Brize Norton.

Homework will be sent out on a Friday and should be returned the following Friday. This is also the day we will check their Reading Journals. As part of homework, children should read 5 times a week as much as possible. Maths homework will be either consolidation of skills taught during the week or may prepare the children for future learning or practise skills from previous weeks.

PE will be taught on a Monday and Thursday afternoons with Monday being an indoor session and Thursday being outside. The children should continue to come in PE attire on these days.

Snacks will be provided for Year 2 but please can Year 3 bring in a snack from home. We do often have extra that they can have should they forget.

The school has introduced 'Class Dojos,' (more information will follow) which will enable us to have informal contact with parents and vice-versa. Teaching staff are also able to award children Dojos for working hard, helping others, being on task etc.

If you have any concerns or worries please can you make an appointment with the Office so we can have time to discuss these in –depth and devise solutions?

Whilst I am only with the children until Christmas, please be reassured that they are incredibly important to me and I will work hard to help them achieve.

Yours sincerely

Ms J Emony-Clarke