

HOVE JUNIOR SCHOOL

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Firstly, the Y3 team would like to thank you and your lovely children for the enthusiasm and flexibility displayed as you join us at Hove Junior School and continue your journey at The Hove Federation. The children have settled into their new classes and building beautifully, largely due to your encouragement. Thank you for your continued assistance and patience to make sure that drop-off and pick-up times run smoothly. As ever, if your children need any support with these arrangements, please speak to your class teacher, who will happily assist you.

We are pleased to say that the curriculum is already in full swing! The children engage daily in their Reading, English, Mathematics and Phonics/Spelling lessons. Over the week, the children are engrossed in a beautiful range of subjects from Art to Physical Education to Scientific Enquiries. More information about the curriculum is available on our website and in a message you will receive from School Ping. We have also devoted a number of lessons this week to our Personal, Social and Health Education curriculum, supporting your children as we get to know each other, express our feelings and discuss our school community.

By now, every child should have brought home a new book. Children are provided with regular opportunities to select a colour-banded book and/or free reader and we will support them as they take responsibility for this. If you would like to kindly volunteer to listen to readers in the mornings, please let your class teacher know.

Today, you should receive the Y3 Newsletter and Take-Home Tasks via School Ping. Take-Home Tasks are suggested activities to do at home linked to our topics. These are in addition to fortnightly homework but are not compulsory. We do find that many children enjoy these activities when other family members get involved and we adore receiving lovely photos or videos of children engaging with them at home but we do appreciate how busy life is and this is not an expectation. If you cannot access School Ping or do not receive the newsletter, please do speak to the office. The majority of our communication to parents is sent through School Ping.

We also wanted to provide some information about Google Classroom, the program we use to deliver home learning. Next week, each child will receive a unique log in and password. Please keep it safe and do not change it, so we can help with logging in at school if necessary. During our initial computing lessons, we will introduce the children to Google Classroom and allow them to practise editing and turning in assignments online; however, we imagine that they may still need your support initially navigating the home learning. If there are any issues with accessing a computer or an online document, please speak to the class teacher. More information about home learning will follow when you receive your login details, along with information about reducing home learning screen time, if this is a priority for your family.

Finally, we would like to again share how thrilled we are to be teaching your children! As we walk through the corridor, all classes are engaged with learning and there is a really lovely atmosphere in Year 3. You should all be so proud! Please do not hesitate to speak to you child's class teacher or Year Leaders if you need any support. We look forward to a splendid year together!

Warmest regards,

Mrs Olivia Nicholls and Mrs Amy Myers (Year 3 Leaders)



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