

## Year 3- Information for parents.

Year 3 is an important transitional year in the life of your child. During the course of this year we expect the children to grow in confidence and become more independent, self-reliant & able to take more responsibility for themselves, their belongings and their learning. We hope that parents will encourage their children to become more independent, looking after their own possessions, taking responsibility for remembering things such as handing in homework, always having reading books in school, PE kit and their swimming bag.

- Literacy and Numeracy homework will be given out on Thursdays to be returned the following week by Tuesday. It should be completed neatly using only pencil please and returned in the bag provided. It's a good idea to have a small homework kit, pencils, a ruler etc. Homework reinforces work done in class and is important.
- The children are given a list of weekly spellings each Monday for a test the following week. We use the LCWCh approach to spellings which enables them to develop their visual awareness of spelling patterns.
- Reading books- the children should always have their reading packet in school so that they can be heard at any time.
- During the course of the year they will be given times tables to learn.
- Swimming- the children will be swimming fortnightly until March 2008. (12 weeks per class)

The girls should wear a one-piece swimsuit if possible; long hair should be tied back or put into a hat. Boys should not wear baggy swim shorts. If the children normally wear goggles they should bring them in their bag. No talcs, shampoos or sprays are allowed and only stud earrings are permitted. If your child requires an inhaler they must bring a spare one from home so that we do not need to touch the one kept in school.

In Year 3 the children will visit Caerleon Roman fortress town as part of their work on the Romans in Britain and later in the year Worle Library in their Literacy Sets.