



# THERE'S NO FULL STOP TO LEARNING

## YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER – AUTUMN 1

**Dear Parents and Carers,**

Welcome back to the new school year! We hope you had a wonderful summer and that the children are excited to be back. I know I am very pleased to be back at school and am so excited to spend the year with your children supported by the always fabulous Angela Prince in class every day and the outstanding Ms Andraskova each Thursday morning.

We are looking forward to teaching Year 3 and have some exciting topics to learn about. This half term our Topic will be Black History. I think this will be an amazing topic particular as it gives us a chance to talk about the importance of BAME people not only in history but today and to discuss the Black Lives Matter movement.

Obviously, we will need some time to get back into our school routines and we will be taking time at the start of the term to settle. There are some changes that have been made to our school lives so that we can do our best to stay safe and mitigate any risks that have been brought about as a result of the coronavirus pandemic. Firstly, as you know, the children's arrival, departure and playtimes have been staggered throughout the day.

In Year 3:

We will start school at 8:40, children will enter through the black main gates.

We will have our playtime at 10:00.

We have lunch from 12:15-13:15.

We will finish our school day at 14:55 children will exit through the black main gates.

Parents will not be permitted to enter to school building nor are we having face to face parent meetings at the present time. Please refer to the FAQs sent by the school office for more information on any further changes to the school day.

Another change that you will be aware of is that children are not required to wear a school uniform. Please be aware though that it is still school! Children will be using glue, art supplies, playing outside and going into the school garden as frequently as possible. Be prepared for their clothes and shoes to get a bit messy and do not send them in wearing anything you're not happy for them to play in. Dirt does happen! Please also note that as parents will not be allowed in the school building, it will be very important for children to be responsible for their own things (clothes, shoes, jackets, books etc) as you will not be allowed to come in to look for missing items. Please label all of the clothes, shoes, etc that your child brings into school with permanent labels and be aware that I am not responsible for children's personal belongings.

It would be very helpful for us if you could send your child in every day with their own labelled, full, reusable water bottle. Drinking fountains will not be on and Harrisons won't provide individual use waters with their lunches. We do have school water bottles for their lunches if they forget one of their own. However, it is a very big job to empty, clean and refill those 30 school water bottles every day after school for Angela and I so if each child could bring their own in, take them home to be cleaned and refilled and then sent back the next day that would be a huge help to us.

Children will be permitted to take books home to read! To ensure they are safe, we will keep them for 72 hours when your child returns them to school before reshelving them in the book corner. Children will read in groups with an adult every week. Please ensure you're reading with your child each day. It makes an enormous difference to their overall learning. This year we will be sending home spelling patterns for the children to practise each week. I will also be asking children to practise and review a times table each week.

We will be having PE on Thursday mornings and taking part in a Fit in 15 session each day where we will get active by taking part in activities such as dancing, stretching, skipping etc, so please ensure your child has trainers in school each day and their PE kit ready!

This is going to be a marvellous year! I am looking so forward to getting to know each of you and your child! I know it will be very different not being able to come and speak with me during a coffee morning or a face to face meeting. However, I will be checking my email every day after school so you can feel free to email me at [erin.tschiderer@reay.lambeth.sch.uk](mailto:erin.tschiderer@reay.lambeth.sch.uk) or call the office to arrange a time for me to call about any questions you have.

**Best Wishes**

**Erin Tschiderer**  
**Year 3 Class teacher**