

Dear Parents/carers

Welcome to Berridge, Brushfield site. Myself and Miss Driver were delighted to meet a lot of you at the induction meeting held before the holidays and look forward to getting to know you and your children better throughout the year. We are pleased to have Miss Smith join the Year 3 team teaching in Beech. I (Mrs Webster) teach in Aspen class and Miss Driver is the teacher in Whitebeam. We are lucky to have two excellent teaching assistants in Year 3 who are Miss Jones and Miss Trench. As a team, we are dedicated to helping your child settle quickly to the new site and to rapidly build on their learning.

As you know, Brushfield site school starts at 8.45 and finishes at 3.15. Your child needs to be collected from their class teacher at the end of the day. Our classes come out of the door which leads to our reception area so if you wait in that area of the yard you will see us come out. Your child will not be allowed home alone or with any other adult unless you have told us beforehand. If you are late your child will be waiting for you safely in reception.

Curriculum

- All the staff at Berridge work hard to deliver an exciting and engaging curriculum for your children. This term we will be learning about Early Britain in history and in science we will be studying forces and light. In English we will be writing recounts and studying a variety of books including *The Dark* by Lemony Snicket. The maths curriculum begins with learning about place value and extends their understanding of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In R.E. we will be learning how it feels to be a Hindu and in PSHE we will be studying Mental Health and Wellbeing and Managing Risks.
- You have been emailed a knowledge organiser to support the learning this half term. Knowledge organisers contain prior learning, key vocabulary, key facts and QR codes to access more information. Please take the time to go over this with your child as it will greatly help their learning in school.
- Support is available on how to help your child progress at school at:
<https://www.berridgeprimary.com/school-curriculum/>

PE

- It is very important that your child's PE kit is kept in school at all times as they will be needing it several times a week. Year 3 children do PE on Monday, Wednesday and Friday so we suggest you leave the kit in school until the half term holiday.
- PE kit should be labelled and brought in a labelled bag.

- PE kit should be blue, grey, white or black - **NO** football shirts.
- Children should not come to school in PE kit but get changed in school
- Earrings should be removed or covered before coming to school on PE days. We cannot be responsible for looking after jewellery removed for PE.

Water + Snack

- Please send your child to school with a named water bottle with fresh water every day, not juice.
- Your child will not be given fruit at Brushfield, instead they can bring a healthy snack from home to eat at break time, no sweets, chocolate or crisps. Alternatively, they can bring 20p and buy a piece of fruit from here.

Expectations

Here are some ways in which you can help support your children's learning at home:

- Hear them read regularly at home, at least 3 times a week. Remember to write in your child's diary and bring their reading folder to school every day.
- Help them to learn their times tables by using [Times Tables Rock Stars](#).
- Encourage them to complete Home learning Challenges that complement their topic learning. These will be emailed to you and are available to view on the [school website](#). This half term they are;
 - Research Henry Latimer
 - Learn how to use your hands to create a shadow animal
 - Design a new pair of sunglasses
- Throughout the year, we will be teaching your child about our school values (resilient, respectful, responsible, cooperative, reflective and curious). It is our strong belief that if we work together to help children understand and apply these values, they will have a successful future.

Behaviour

- The class rules at Brushfield are the same as Bobbers Mill
 - Work hard and always try your best
 - Take care of our school and all the things in it
 - Do as you are asked straight away
 - Be kind and respectful to everyone
- At Brushfield, as with Bobbers Mill, we use Dojos to reward and reinforce good behaviour.

- If your child breaks a school rule they will be reminded about it and given a warning. If the behaviour continues they will get a minute which means they will have to stay behind at playtime, lunchtime or after school to reflect on how they can positively change their behaviour.
- Please speak to your class teacher if you need further information on the system.

Finally

- A reminder about the importance of good attendance. If your child is not at school they will be missing important learning which is difficult to catch up on. Remember that the school can administer medicine.



- This is the Arbor App that you need to download to pay for trips, school meals and book parents' evenings.
- A reminder that all messages and newsletters are sent through the Arbor App & via email.
- School meals are £2.90 and should be paid for using the Arbor App.
- We look forward to meeting you all at the first parents meeting on Wednesday 8th October

Yours sincerely

Mrs Webster and the Year 3 team