

Dear parents /carers,

A very big welcome to year 3, and to key stage 2, on behalf of all of the teaching and support staff in year 3. We are excited to get going this year and really looking forward to getting to know your children. We have done our utmost, and will continue to do so, to ensure your child gets the most from this year. Our curriculum is exciting, engaging and will motivate your child to be the best they can be. Our year 3 team are a really friendly and supportive unit who will be on hand throughout the academic year to help support you and your child in any way we can. Please come to any of us with any queries or questions you have; adults are on the door at the beginning and end of each day. You can also email questions to us and rest assured the wonderful office support staff are always on hand. It is not only a new year, but also a new key stage. Nerves are normal! The focus initially will be primarily on settling the children and social and emotional wellbeing. We will then move into lessons and have a 'small steps quickly' approach, supporting your child every step of the way.

The main points to help us begin the school year smoothly are summarised below:

### **PE**

Y3 PE days are **Tuesday (gymnastics)** and **Thursday (tag rugby)**.

\*Please keep PE kit at home and send your child in their kit on their PE days\*

### **Reading**

Library books and reading records will be handed out by the end of next week so keep an eye out for these. We are using a scheme called 'accelerated reading' in our reading sessions this year. More on this to come. We will also be continuing to use 'Read, Write, Inc' to support those children who need additional phonics help.

### **Homework**

The children bring home additional work in their homework books every Friday (beginning next Friday 17<sup>th</sup> Sept). It will be due back in the following Thursday. We will start this gradually and build it up as we go. For this half term, it will be either a piece of writing or maths each week. Additional reading at home is expected (ideally 4 reads a week) and daily practice of times tables is also very much encouraged.

### **Contact**

In terms of contacting us, in the first instance contact [rowan@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:rowan@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk) or [birch@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:birch@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk). You can also contact the school office on [adminteam@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk](mailto:adminteam@st-margarets.torbay.sch.uk) with more general enquiries. Remember we are also outside the classroom at the beginning and end of each day most of the time. **It is important to note that we cannot discuss incidents related to other children via email.**

### **Trips / visitors**

Our term begins with investigating and exploring light and sound in science. We then move into our history unit – The Stone Age – just before half term and this will continue into Autumn 2. Exciting advance notice...we have a school trip planned to Kent's Cavern on Thursday 4<sup>th</sup> November. We will send further information about this, including costing, in the next few weeks.

Again, we are looking forward to the year ahead 😊

Mr Tullier, Miss Lynds and the year 3 team.