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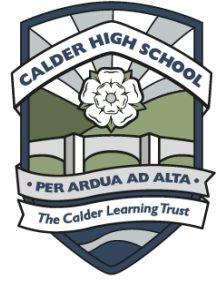
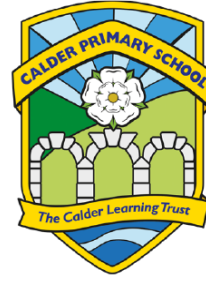
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Welcome to Class 3

Dear Parents/Carers of Class 3,

I would like to welcome you and your child to Class 3! We have had a really positive start to the year and I am excited to see the wonderful learning that happens over the course of this year. In this letter, you will find lots of information about what we are covering this year. If you have any further questions, please don't hesitate to ask.

Class Topics

From now until October half term we are focusing on geography. Our topic is 'Passport to the World.' Within this, we are researching and locating a range of countries. In science, we are starting our biology unit of living things. We will be learning about cells and classifying living things before we move onto discussing human health.

After October half term, we will be learning about World War 2. Within this unit we will learn how the war started, what life was like for people in Britain during the war and will be considering the lasting consequences of World War 2. If you have any artefacts or information from World War 2 at home, pupils are welcome to bring them in and share with the rest of the class after half term.

PE

Our PE days are **Tuesday and Wednesday**; however, children should have their PE kit in school at all times. We will send these home at each half term to be washed. If they go home in their PE kit after a club/event, then please could it be returned to school as soon as possible. Long hair needs to be tied back and earrings removed for all PE sessions – it is easier to not come to school in earrings on PE days.

Children in Class 3 will begin swimming on a rolling programme, you will be informed when it is your child's swim sessions and these will be on a **Monday**.

Reading

Children will take their reading packet home **every day** and we ask that it is returned to school the next morning. We ask that children read to an adult a minimum of 4 times per week. Please take note of the reading activities and questions that are in the back of all books – these are a good indication as to whether they have understood the text. All children will read to an adult weekly in school and we will check comprehension before we change their book. We encourage reading for pleasure and we will visit the library in school each **Wednesday** and this gives the children a chance to explore a range of texts. All children are able to borrow a book from our school library which we ensure is stocked with fiction and non-fiction books that the children will enjoy.

Everybody, Everyday



Spellings

We teach spelling three times a week in school to ensure that all children have a good understanding of the spelling rule that we are focusing on. We will test these spellings on a **Friday** and we ask that you continue to practise these spellings throughout the week.

Homework

Homework will be sent out on a **Friday** and I ask that it is returned on a **Wednesday** to ensure that I have time to respond to it before setting the next homework. Homework is important to prepare students for high school; it will not only consolidate their learning from school but also develop the time management skills that they will need as they progress through school.

Children also have logins to Times Table Rock Stars and Prodigy (these can be found inside their homework book) and it would be useful if they could continue to use these to keep their speedy recall!

Other equipment needed

Please can all children bring a water bottle full of water (not juice) in each day. It would also be useful if all children could have an old T-shirt or apron that we could keep here for creative sessions. Children can also bring in a fruit or vegetable snack to have at break time if they wish.

Upcoming Dates

Parents' Evenings: 13th and 14th November 3.30pm onwards, both in-person.

SEN meetings: Week Beginning 21st October

Please keep an eye out for the weekly newsletter, emailed home each Friday.

We will soon have a parent portal app for Arbor which will be sent home for parents.

I am available at the beginning or end of the school day on the gate, or if you need to contact me, please email primary@calderlearningtrust.com

I look forward to working with you again this year.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Holland