



# Meet the Teachers!



**Mrs Jackson**  
**Apple Class**



**Miss Bedford**  
**Apple Class**



**Miss Kelly**  
**Lilac Class**



**Miss Nurse**  
**Cherry Class**



# General Routines

- The classroom doors open for a soft start at 8:40am and close at 8:50am, this is to support the children's wellbeing by starting the day in a relaxed and calm way.
- If you need to pass an important message to a teacher, please could you email the class teacher and also let the office know.

[Apple@grovejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Apple@grovejm.herts.sch.uk)

[Lilac@grovejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Lilac@grovejm.herts.sch.uk)

[Cherry@grovejm.herts.sch.uk](mailto:Cherry@grovejm.herts.sch.uk)

- Collection at the end of the day – School finishes at 3:15pm. Any changes to pick up arrangements must be communicated through the office.



# Attendance.



- Your child should be in school every day however these are challenging times and at school we understand that children fall ill, especially at the start of a new year.
- Please notify the school of any illness regardless if it is related to Covid or not. If your child has a positive test or comes in contact with someone who has tested positive, we will provide online learning for your child if they are well enough.
- If your child is absent from school a written note is required upon their return, in addition to phone calls that may have been made.
- If the classroom door is closed, you are late and will need to register your child at the school office.
- PE attendance: PE is adapted and differentiated to meet the needs of the child. If your child cannot do PE, we require a written note explaining the nature of the injury.



# Behaviour

- As in the rest of the school, we expect all children to follow our 3 school behaviours (See these on the next slide).
- We aim to create a positive learning environment where certificates, stickers, table points and house points may be given.
- We aim to instil a growth mindset attitude.
- Head teacher awards and house points are given weekly for children who are demonstrating one or more of our My Personal Best values (See these on the following slides).



# The Grove Junior School

## School Behaviours



### The 3 Rs

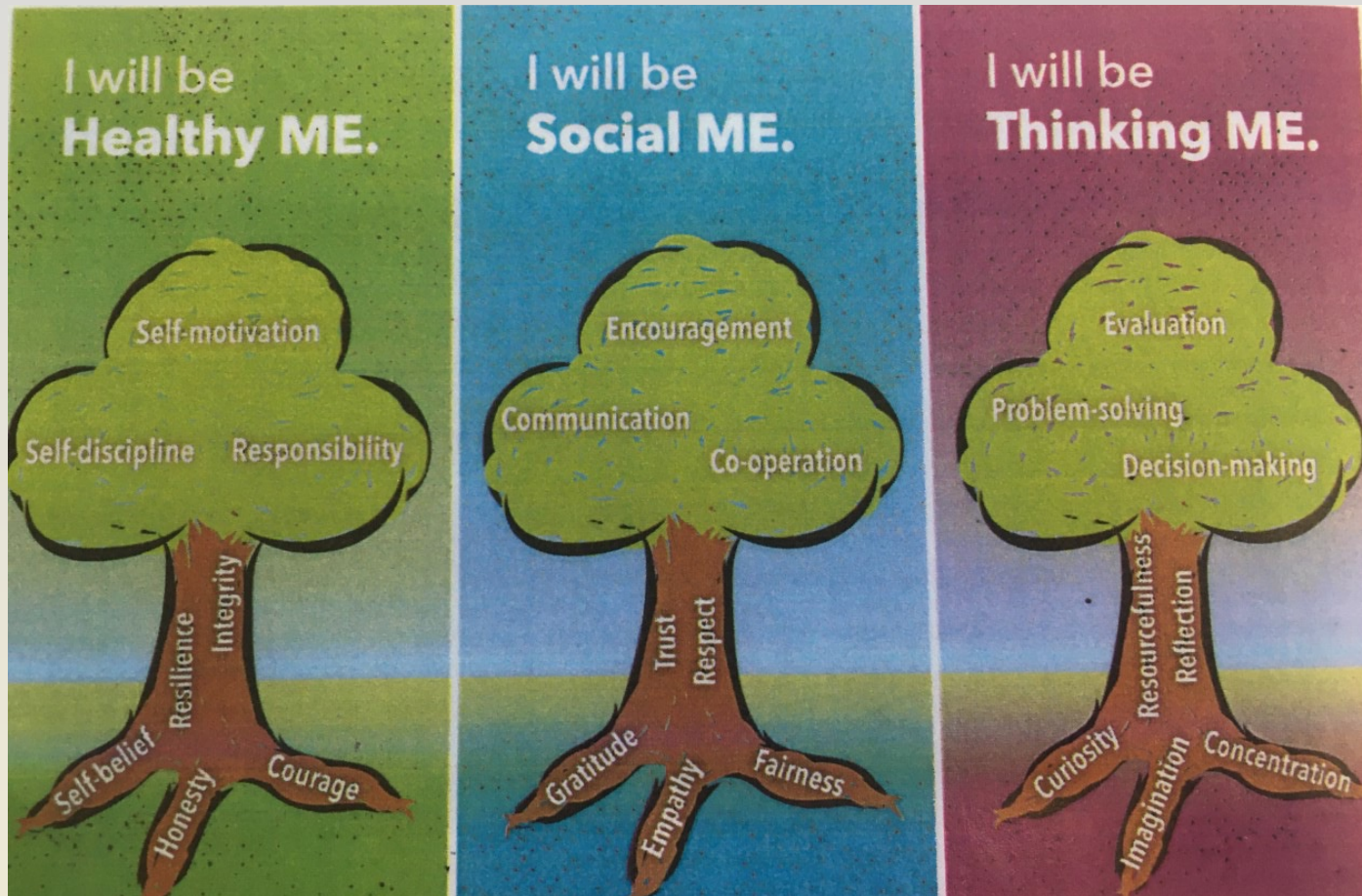
Respect – Respect ourselves, each other and our environment.

Responsibility – taking responsibility for our actions.

Resilience – to learn from our mistakes and always try our best, even when we find things difficult.



# My Personal Best



- Originally fostered through the PE curriculum, the My Personal Best initiative has far reaching benefits for children throughout their learning.
- We adopt an area of focus every 3/4 weeks and link learning to these themes so that our children leave the Grove Junior School better prepared for secondary school life and life in general.

# Uniform



- Please ensure that your child wears the correct uniform in school. All items of uniform must be clearly labelled with your child's name including black school shoes.
- Long hair must be tied back using a colour co-ordinating hair band/bobble. Clip back long fringes.
- The children must come to school in the mandatory school PE kit on their designated day, which you will find out in September.



# Medical

- Inhalers: Please ensure your child has an in date, named inhaler in school at all times. They are kept in a box in the classroom.
- Epipens: Same as inhalers.
- Please ensure if your child wears glasses/hearing aid they have them in school daily and that we know about them.
- Inform your class teacher or the office of any medical conditions, changes or updates.



# Handwashing

- The children are allowed to bring in their own sanitiser or they can use the sanitiser and hand wash that the school has in each classroom.
- We are washing our hands before and after break, lunch and the daily mile! They are also washing their hands after sneezing or coughing!



# Equipment



- Small pencil cases are allowed that will fit in their tray! Items should be labelled with their name.
- In their pencil cases, children will need:.. blue ink pen/handwriting pen, pencil, colouring pencils, whiteboard pen, ruler, rubber, sharpener, purple pen and a glue stick.
- Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle every day.
- Healthy snacks are allowed for break times – fresh/dried fruit and vegetables (no nuts, pesto or humus).

# Homework



- As in all year groups we learn a new spelling pattern each week.
- We set spelling homework on a Monday for children to complete at home in their spelling books. Then we assess their learning of the spellings in a dictation the following Monday.
- Ideally **read with your child** (5-10 mins a day). We recommend that you listen to your child read and read aloud to your child as often as possible.
- Children should complete comments about their reading **at least three times a week in their reading logs** and return them by Thursday to be checked. Each week there is a reading focus to support the children with ideas about what to write.
- Children will be able to choose **library books** to take home and once they are finished they can bring them back into school to be changed.
- **TT Rockstars** is an ongoing Times table homework and children should be using it at home to develop their skills!
- If your child has lost or can't remember their Google classroom/ Purple Mash/TT Rockstars login details, please email the class email address! Please write them down or display them at home in a safe place.
- If your child is having to self isolate, work will be set each day on Google classroom.

# How can you help?

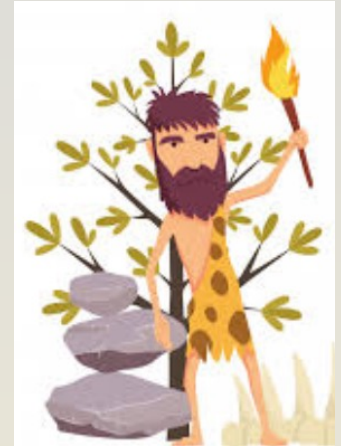
- Support your child at home with: conversation, homework, reading, times tables, number bonds, telling the time, high frequency words, visits, playing games and sports.
- There are **Year 3 and 4 Spelling word lists** and **Year 3 suggested Reading books** on The Grove Junior School website under Curriculum Information/English Curriculum.
- Please look at the Year 3 Autumn Curriculum Newsletter for more ideas on how to help at home!
- **Please encourage your child to practise their handwriting often. Copying a couple of sentences from their reading book or their spellings is an easy way to do this.**
- We really do appreciate all your support!





# What to look forward to in Year 3!

- The Romans and The Stone Age History topics
- Learning to speak French
- Music lessons with Mrs Bull
- PE lessons with Mrs Hutson
- Science- Rocks and Soils
- Year 3's Christmas Assembly
- Making sculptures in Art
- We are studying a range of fantastic texts in English
- Learning about Rivers in Geography
- Also, if the situation will allow us, we plan to go on some great trips this year to support the children with their learning such as Celtic Harmony and a local river study!



# Finally....



We are all looking forward to a fabulous,  
fun and fruitful year!

If you have any questions please feel  
free to contact the class teacher via the  
class email address or email the School  
office.

