

Year 3 Meet and Greet (Information for Parents/carers)

Your child is now in year 3, this means they have moved from Key Stage 1 to Key stage 2.

In Year 3, we learn lots of new information that will become the building blocks for year 4, 5 and 6!

It is a very important year as there are lots of new terms and concepts for the children to learn.

Their learning in reception, year 1 and year 2 has prepared them well for this!

Year 3 Staff

Mrs Ewins—3E class teacher/Middle school team leader

Miss McKenna—3M class teacher.

Mrs Neary and Mrs Nicholas—Year 3 Teaching assistants.

Information for parents

Any communications with parents/carers will be done so via email, phone calls, 'School News' app or the 'School Gateway' app.

Please use these channels to communicate with school. If you require a phone call from a teacher, please request this via the office and we will contact you as soon as possible.

Home Learning

Home learning will be shared via our school website and you will be able to find each classes' requirements for home learning for each theme. Please complete a minimum of 4 tasks and this can be shared via photographs to the school office.

Reading pro

During year 3, your child will be assessed for 'Reading Pro'. This is an online tool for measuring children's understanding of books that they have read. The children will receive a Lexile score and this will determine which age-appropriate books they can access from the scheme. In year 3, children will move to reading pro books once they have a Lexile score of 475 and we will test them during the autumn, spring and summer terms.

'If you have faith as small as a mustard seed, anything is possible...' Matthew 17:20

As a school, we believe that children can achieve anything they set their minds to and we instil this self-belief in the children through our support and guidance.

This year is no different and we will continue to foster those aspirations in the children.

General information

PE

Year 3 will be doing outdoor PE sessions on a Wednesday and a Friday. Please could your child come into school wearing their PE kit on these days. They will wear the kit all day and return home in the kit at the end of the day. The weather can be very unpredictable so trainers, a jacket and jogging bottoms are recommended.

Attendance,

In order for children to achieve their full potential, they must be in school. Please endeavor to arrange external appointments for outside of school hours so as not to interrupt their learning.

Swimming

Ordinarily, year 3 would be taking part in swimming lessons on a Friday. At the moment, this is not possible however this will be reviewed in due course.

Recovery Curriculum

During the first few weeks of the term, we will be working closely with the children to assess their needs and plan for each child in order for them to achieve within our lessons. We have worked to create an environment whereby we will safely support both academic and emotional needs.

Reading

Your child will be sent home with a reading book, this can be read multiple times in order to deepen their understanding of the text and give you the opportunity to discuss the book in detail, perhaps create quizzes about the story or even improve the story. Once your child has read their book thoroughly, it can be changed in school. (All books will undergo a 'quarantine' period before being distributed again).

Your child will need to bring the book into school daily.

Online safety

Keeping children safe online is extremely important.

We encourage the children to use the internet safely within school by using safe internet searches and child friendly websites. The children can access these tools by using thedowns.me whilst at home. If you have any questions about safeguarding your children whilst online then please do let us know and we can signpost you to relevant advice.

Spellings/reading at home/times tables.

We would like the children to continue reading each day at home. They must bring their reading book back into school each day. Spellings will be available on the school website and these spellings must be revised in order for the children to read and spell them consistently. Year 3 children must be confident in the 2, 5 and 10 times tables too so please do practise these at home.