

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 1

Welcome Back!

We are delighted to welcome your children back to school and into Year 3! This year promises to be full of exciting learning opportunities, with topics designed to spark curiosity, encourage creativity, and build independence as the children continue their learning journey into Key Stage 2. Our curriculum is carefully planned to nurture their enthusiasm while equipping them with the skills they need for an ever-changing world. In this newsletter, you'll find an overview of what your child will be learning this term, along with key information about our routines and expectations in Year 3.

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Lunch

There are no hot school meals provided in KS2 so all children will have to bring in a packed lunch. If they qualify for free school meals, then this will be provided in the form of a packed lunch.

Break times

Lunch is now at a later time of 12:30. As the children can get hungry in the run-up to lunchtime, we recommend sending a snack for morning break to help keep their energy and focus levels up. Since there is no universal free fruit in KS2, your child will need to bring in their own healthy snack for morning break time, such as fruit, cheese, yogurt tubes etc.

Maths groups

Maths is taught in mixed class groups, giving children the chance to learn alongside peers from different classes. While all groups work towards the same learning outcomes, lessons may be adapted in their delivery to best support the needs of each group.

Our Learning



Talk 4 Reading

This term we will be using a picture book, 'Flotsam' by Jeannie Baker, to develop the children's ability to infer meaning from images and texts. Inference and deduction skills will be crucial to support the children's move from decoding words in daily reading with an adult towards a more independent reading of more complex texts. In Year 3, there are lots of different ways we share texts. Children will read silently to themselves every day and individually to an adult at least fortnightly (often much more). We also enjoy group reading and whole class comprehension work.



Talk 4 Writing

In our writing lessons we will be focusing on a text called 'The Day the Crayons Quit'. We will be using this text to help us write our own conflict and resolution story with a focus on the characters within our story. Through our Talk for Writing lessons, we will also be teaching the children spelling and grammar. Our lessons will be filled with talking, actions and plenty of fun!

Maths

We will continue with our mastery curriculum in Maths following the Singapore approach to teaching. We will start by recapping the key skills taught in Year 2 followed by looking at place value and simple addition and subtraction. We ask the children to use Times Table Rock Stars to practice the speedy and accurate recall of times table facts and welcome your support at home with this. Each week, we will complete at least 3 TTRS sheets within class.

Topic

In Art, the children will practice different collage techniques, arranging items to create a striking effect before making their own landscape scene using techniques of their choosing.

In Science, we will be looking at magnets and forces. This is a practical unit of work, giving the children plenty of opportunities to experiment with the magnets and investigate how they react to materials and each other.

In History, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt by investigating how and why they were such an advanced civilisation. We will be looking at the River Nile, Tutankhamun, the pyramids and much more.

In PE, we will be developing our understanding of the attacking and defending principles of invasion games as well as fair play and honesty while learning and abiding by key rules.

Homework

Maths: given Monday, due back Thursday.
Literacy: given Thursday, due back Monday.
The tasks for each half term are stuck into the children's homework books in advance for you to refer to.

If a child has a difficulty with a piece of homework, they should see their teacher before the hand in date! There is a Year 3 homework club each week which the children can attend if they would like some extra support.

Finally...

If you have any problems or concerns about your child's learning or wellbeing please do get in touch.