



# Welcome to Year 3!

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you all had a lovely Summer break! I am looking forward to working with you all this year and with your children. I have planned an exciting year and I hope all of the children enjoy our topics. Below are some notes about routines etc to help you support your child in Y3. I apologise if you know some of the points already!

## Before school:

- Gates open at 8:40 a.m.
- Children & parents to go onto the middle playground and wait for the whistle.
- Staff on duty will blow the whistle at 8:50 a.m. After the second whistle, the children need to walk up alone and line up by the Y3 door. No need for parents to come to the classroom unless you have an urgent message or need to tell me if someone different is picking up.
- If it is raining, we will open the door at 8:40a.m and the children are allowed to come into the classroom straight away.
- If you are late, and I'm afraid this means 8:55am, you will need to take your child to the office and sign the late book. Please don't bring children to the classroom as the doors will be locked.

## After School:

- After our end of school prayer, the children will be dismissed from the Y3 classroom door. I will only hand over children if I see who is collecting them. Please can you wait on the basketball court (by the apparatus) so that we can keep a clear pathway for Y1 & Y2 parents.
- We normally wait with the children until 3:30 p.m. After 3:30 p.m., we will take any children not picked up to the office and they wait in the office until collected. If you need to speak with me about any concerns or have any questions, after school is the best time of day to catch me.

## Topics in Y3:

### Autumn Term

Investigating rivers

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The Egyptians

### Spring Term

The Nile

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The Victorians

### Summer Term

Meet the Artists

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Italy

## Homework:

- Reading-Your child will still take home 2 reading books. Please hear your child read every night and write in the diary to let us know how much they have read.
- I am happy for children to read home books as part of their reading homework. Please sign their diary to let me know what they have read.

- Spellings- Your child will get their spellings on a Monday. We will pre-test all the children a set of 10 spellings. We will then highlight in yellow the words the children have got wrong in the pre-test and these are the ones they will really need to learn at home.
- If the children get more than 7 right in the pre-test, they will get an extra 5 spellings to learn. This means they will have 15 spellings to learn. Please can you go over all the spellings, even the ones they got correct in the pre-test just to make sure they can spell them independently. All children will be tested again on the following Friday.
- On a Friday, we will highlight in pink any words the children have got wrong in the Friday test. Please can you carry on going over these at home until they are confident spelling them.

**Homework** – this will be sent home on a Wednesday which needs to be completed and in school by the following Monday. Children can bring it in earlier if they have completed it before then. All homework is to be completed in the homework book and in pencil.

- Please can you encourage the children to read their homework by themselves and then tell you what they need to do. They need to practise thinking of their own methods/ways to answer questions. You can offer some suggestions and if they still can't do it, just write a note in the homework book and we will go over it in class.
- The children will also need to learn their Times Tables this year. Please can you work on this at home. We will randomly test the children in class to see how many they know. They need to know all their times tables by the end of Y4 so please start learning them at home as this will help the children learn them quicker.
- Each week a small group of children will be asked to carry out some research & present their findings to the class. They can research anything they like as long as it is linked to our topic or to Science. For example, last year the children showed artefacts, designed posters, gave a talk and some even dressed up and acted out something of interest! Presentations will take place on a Friday afternoon. We will let the children know the week before, if it is their turn. Unfortunately, we can't carry over any presentations due to time restrictions. This means if your child forgets to do their presentation on their week, they will miss their go. If your child is desperate to put together a short powerpoint to show what they have learnt, please email the powerpoint to the office by the Thursday as we can no longer use unknown memory sticks.

**Other information:**

- PE is on Monday & Wednesday. Y3 will be going swimming during Spring term.
- Y3 will learn to play the recorder. This will be taught by Mrs Ward on a Wednesday. Please make sure children have their recorders and books with them for each lesson.
- They will also have French on a Thursday. This will be taught by Mrs Neill. Please check the Y3 home page for any French homework/suggestions of games etc.
- Y3 children need to bring in a piece of fruit or some vegetables for snack. Please do not send in cereal bars, rice cakes etc
- Please provide your child with a water bottle as our class water fountain is not that great! Please can you make sure that the bottles only have water and not juice.

Please come and see me if you have any further questions and remember to check our home page for further home learning. Thank you for taking the time to read this information sheet.

Miss Ashton

