



WELCOME TO YEAR 3!



Staff in Year 3

Alongside the teachers – Mr Blackmore, Mrs Prince and Mrs Thomson - there are a number of teaching assistants. These adults are Mrs Smith, Mrs Angle, Mrs Hutchins and Mrs Willmott.

PE/Games

PE days are Tuesday and Friday for the whole year group.

For PE in the hall, Year 3 should wear blue shorts and blue t-shirts. They can bring track-suit bottoms or leggings (black or blue) when the weather gets colder the regular EVPS school uniform jumper can be worn with PE kit.

Homework

Reading: minimum reading 3 x per week signed off by an adult in the child's reading record. In school, the children will begin to record their own daily reading sessions as well. **All children are expected to have their reading book and reading diary in school every day.** The reading diaries have a page per week to record reading in school and at home.

Spellings: 10 spelling words to practise – spelling test on Friday, new words will also be set on a Friday. We are going to continue to use Spelling Shed to support and practise our weekly spelling learning in school and at home if possible.

Times Tables: We will be using Times Table Rock Stars (on-line resources) to practise multiplication and division facts once all the students have become familiar with logging-in at school. In addition, the children do times tables practise in class.

Homework tasks will be given as a paper homework on a Friday, and students will have a full week to complete the task. Homework will be sent out most weeks, starting after October half term and will be linked to the previous week of learning in Maths. ***All homework to be completed by Friday and new tasks handed out for the coming week.*** If, for whatever reason, homework cannot be completed during a normal week, please let us know.

This is homework for the majority of children. There will be adapted versions to meet individual special needs where necessary or no homework tasks as appropriate.

Water bottles

Please can you make sure children have bottles filled with water in school; it can be re-filled in the classroom. Each child needs to take their bottle home each night to rinse and return with the next day.

Curriculum trips and special events

In the Autumn Term, we plan to visit Kents Cavern, also to take part in Bikeability.

Year 3 will present a class assembly about their curriculum learning and will perform to families later in the year.

We will be planning additional events during the year and we will keep you informed of all upcoming learning fun!

English/Maths

We will use Spelling Shed, Sumdog and Times Table Rock Stars as websites/learning apps to support children's learning in Maths and English. Children have their own username and password, which is inside their reading diaries.

Children will be encouraged to read regularly in school and at home using the Accelerated Reader (AR) book scheme. They need to practice (quiz on) their comprehension skills each week and should be reading a book per 1-2 weeks roughly, depending on its length.

myOn: As a school, we have access to 10,000 digital books in addition to our school library and class book corners. This can serve as a top up to school reading books, to be used at home. The digital books which children access on myON can enhance their love of reading and also provide reading opportunities when the school library is not available to them (e.g. during the holidays). Children can go to www.myon.co.uk and login with their AR login.

Times Tables test

At the end of Year 4 there will be a statutory times table test, rather like the phonics test the children completed in Year 1. In Year 3 we will be learning times tables and related division facts in preparation for the Year 4 test.

Drop off and Collection arrangements

Children should come into school from 8.50 am (the gates open at 8.40am). Lessons start at 9.00 am.

At the end of the school day (3.20pm), parents are invited to collect their children from the outside door of their classroom. If you have arranged to meet your child in a different place, they are always advised that if you are not there to collect them, they should return to their classroom, where we will look after them until you arrive.

Snack arrangements and medical matters

Thank you for supporting the school's healthy-eating policy, which is for fruit/vegetable/healthy snacks only at morning break. We are a nut-free school due to allergies. Please be mindful of this when providing your children with snacks and packed lunches and, where possible, avoid including products containing nuts and sesame seeds.

If your child has an inhaler, please ensure we have one in school. Please also update us with any allergies or medical conditions your child may have. A completed green form (available from the school office) should accompany any prescribed medication needing to be administered in school.

Contacting us

We know that from time-to-time parents need to speak to their class teacher. We are usually able to chat with parents after school and can do so briefly in the morning if it is very important. You can also contact us by phone through the office.

Thank you for your appreciated and continued support of the school!

Mr Blackmore, Mrs Prince, Mrs Thomson