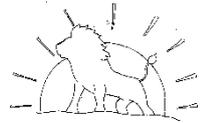


Welcome to Year 3 Information Letter



Welcome to Year 3. We look forward to working with you and your child from September.

The Year 3 teaching staff for September are:

			
Mrs Buckle 3BW	Mrs Whiston 3BW	Miss Gardner 3G	Miss Shaw 3S

The children can enter school from 8:30-8:35am through the year 3 classrooms.

The school day ends at 3.05pm. Miss Shaw and Miss Gardner will let the children out from the external classroom doors. Mrs Buckle's and Mrs Whiston's class will leave through either of the year 3 doors at the end of the day.

PE

In Year 3, we have two PE sessions per week. One session is indoors and the children will need **black** shorts and a **red or white** t-shirt. The second session is outdoors and the children will need **black** shorts, a **red or white** t-shirt, **black** jogging bottoms, a jumper and trainers/plimsolls. T-shirts for PE must cover your child's waist and shoulders please. Long hair must be tied up for PE and no earrings are allowed. Our PE days are Wednesday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).



Topic

Our first topic in Year 3 is Extreme Earth, focussing on volcanoes, earthquakes and other extreme weathers in the world.

The children will learn about how volcanoes are formed, the impact of extreme weathers and how to stay safe during an earthquake.



Golden Time

Each week the children have 30 minutes of Golden Time on a Friday. Everyone starts the week with all of their time, however Golden Time can be lost if the children are not following school rules and are repeatedly breaking them. Children lose 4 minutes at a time if this occurs and they cannot earn it back. In Golden Time the children can; play games, build with Lego, play on the IPADs, do arts and crafts, do colouring in, take part in role play activities or any sensible activity they choose in the classroom.

Spelling Shed and Times Tables Rock Stars/Numbots

Each child will have their own login for Spelling Shed, Times Tables Rock Stars/Numbots (depending on Maths Set), and Purple Mash. We use these programmes in school and the children are also able to access them at home. This supports them with their weekly spellings and times table/Maths practise.



Homework

In Year 3, we encourage every child to read at least three times a week at home. Every child is given weekly spellings to learn. We introduce the spellings in school but we also encourage children to practise their weekly spellings at home. This can be done on Spelling Shed. Weekly spellings are given out on a **Friday** and a spelling test is completed the following **Friday**. Maths homework will be set on Purple Mash by their set teacher, to be handed in each **Friday**. English homework will be set on Purple Mash by their set teacher, to be handed in each **Friday**.

Playground

In Year 3, we use the Key Stage Two playground alongside the children in Year 2. The children have the opportunity to use climbing apparatus, play basketball or play games using the equipment. The children will continue to be encouraged to bring in a healthy snack.

Healthy Snack

Now children are in Key Stage 2, they no longer receive a free piece of fruit, so please provide your child with a healthy snack for BREAK TIME.

Healthy snacks can include: a piece of fruit, a breakfast bar (no nuts), or rice cakes.

Children may also bring in up to 50p to spend at the tuck trolley, which is now available to them.

Wellbeing

In Year 3, we value the children's wellbeing and the importance of allowing children the opportunity to relax. We will have weekly relaxation sessions and there will also be a 'Worry Box' for children to anonymously note down any concerns that they may have which can then be discussed in our weekly PSHE sessions. Additionally, we 'Walk a Mile' every week and allow children to discuss any issues that they may have.

Growth Mindset

In Year 3, we encourage the children to have a positive Growth Mindset and this is modelled to the children in every lesson by the adults. It is important for the children to be resilient and understand that we learn from our mistakes.



Year 3 Highlights

Palaeontology
Day!

School trip to the
Sealife Centre!

Learning to play
the recorder!