

Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents/Carers,

The Year 3 Team are delighted that your child is with us this year! We thought it would be helpful to write down some of the important things to help you and your child prepare for the changes in September.

SPAG - Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar

As well as continuing to practise phonics, we will start lessons on SPaG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) in preparation for the SPAG SAT in Year 6. The children will have daily SPAG sessions. You can help your child by supporting them with their spellings. They will bring home weekly spellings to learn for a test the following Friday. The children first need to secure their phase 5 phonics, then learn the Y1 and 2 statutory spellings, followed by the Y3 and 4 spelling list. We will send home whatever your child needs to learn next!

Reading and Reading Records

Once children have secured their phonics and can read words fluently, we focus on their understanding. We practise reading skills in class and teach the children 6 different skills (vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval and summarising) Through acquiring these different skills, children become reflective readers.

It is crucial that you hear your child read at least 4 times per week with a signature in their planner. Please continue to encourage your child to sound out and blend words when reading, as well as asking questions about what they have just read.

Please send your child's reading record and reading book into school every day. We check books to see if the children are reading to an adult every Thursday and books can be changed on a Friday

P.E and Jumpers

Our PE day is a Monday and we would like the children to come to school in normal uniform but bring their PE kit for this day only. Please can all uniform and PE kit be labelled as many are misplaced and we know that they are not cheap to replace! (Iron-on or sew-in labels are best as pen washes out) Due to the ongoing pandemic, we will not be able to offer swimming lessons this term.

Water bottles

The children should bring a water bottle to school every day and take it home to be washed daily. Their bottles will be kept on their desks so that they can have a drink whenever they need to. There are opportunities to refill their bottles throughout the day.

Homework

- Reading at least 4 x per week with a signature in reading records
- Spellings
- Times tables (the children must know all tables up to 12 x 12 for a national test in Year 4)

Toilet routines

In Year 3 the children should be going to the toilet during playtimes, if they can. That means they may be asked to wait if it is just before a playtime. We are fair and if they are really desperate they will always be allowed to go!

Independence

We would like to start as we mean to go along by encouraging all the children to be responsible for coming in with their belongings by themselves.

Rewards

I am very keen to notice and reward positive behaviour! In class, we have a Superstars board that children will have their photo stuck onto as a reward for good choices. We also have our Dojo reward scheme.

Health Issues and Inhalers

Please make sure that your child has an up to date Inhaler in school at all times. If your child has any health issues please make sure we are aware of them so we can adapt any of our classroom routines accordingly.

Finally...

If you ever have any questions, the best way to contact me at the moment is either in the morning at the gate, or by ClassDojo. If a longer chat is needed, we can do this by phone as parents are not allowed on site during the Pandemic.

Thank you for your support, in what promises to be a very busy, unusual but exciting and enjoyable year. Mrs Shippey, Mrs Green, Mrs Ball, Mrs Tudor, Mr Bazell, Mrs Grebyk, Mrs Carpenter!