



Year Three

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WELCOME TO YEAR 3!

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really excited to be welcoming you to Year 3! We hope this letter will answer some of the questions you might have about the new academic year.

The Year 3 team this year consists of:

Willow Class: Mrs. Guest and Mrs. Knight

Beech Class: Miss King

Sycamore Class: Mrs. Hamilton and Mrs. Binks

The adults working across the year group will be: Mrs. McFarlane, Miss Goodall, Mrs. Jackman, Ms. Fox, Miss Jones, Mrs. Alam, Mrs. Egglestone and Mrs. Rickards-Flynn.

We hope that your child will find the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 a happy and rewarding experience and that they will continue to take every opportunity to build upon their learning.

Year 3 arrival time at school is 8:40 am. As in Year 2, please enter through the kitchen school gate and onto the Year 3 playground, where a member of the Year 3 staff will meet your child and take them to their class. We ask that parents drop their child off at this location and allow them to enter the building independently.

The most important aim for the start of term is to get all children feeling happy, safe, and secure back in the school environment. There will be a focus on providing the children with a broad and balanced curriculum, with an initial emphasis on developing their emotional well-

being and providing plenty of physical activity. We will be taking the time to get to know the children and allow them the time to get to know us, any new routines and their new classrooms.

Throughout the Year 3 curriculum, English plays a major part. During daily English lessons, your child will extend their language skills in spelling, sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and handwriting, alongside reading for enjoyment and information. They will also be consolidating, extending, and applying their spelling strategies. In Year 3, we have various intervention programmes in place to help children with their learning. There will be a daily Maths lesson for all children, as well as daily times table practice.

Each half term, we will be looking at a new topic. During the first half term, our topic is 'The Stone Age'. As part of this topic, we will be going on an exciting trip to Kent's Cavern! Details about the trip will be sent out soon on MCAS. After half term, we will be studying 'Beyond The Magic Kingdom', where the children will try to answer the question 'What is the Sunshine State really like?' Our learning for this half term is outlined on the topic overview sheet and will also be displayed in each of the Year 3 classrooms.

Home Learning will continue to be set weekly. One activity will be spelling-based, and the children will be tested each Friday morning on their weekly lists. These spellings will be set at the appropriate level for your child. The other activity will be based on times tables. We will start Home Learning the week beginning 14th September. Logins for Spelling Shed and TTRockstars will be stuck in Reading records.

Reading: Children will continue to read at a level appropriate for their needs. They will bring home a book at the level they were assessed at the end of Year 2. During the year, children will be assessed regularly and will receive appropriately levelled books. They will work towards gaining certificates and rewards for every milestone achieved as follows:

- 10 books = Bronze
- 20 books = Silver award
- 30 books = Gold award
- 40 books = Platinum award
- 50 books = Pencil and bookmark
- 60 books = A book

Children have the opportunity to change their books every day and should put their bookbag in the box to be changed as and when needed. It is important that children read quietly to themselves as well as continuing to read aloud to an adult.

Our PE days are as follows:

Tuesday – Outdoor PE

Thursday – Indoor PE

Please ensure PE kits and uniforms are clearly marked. As in Year 2, children will need a pair of welly boots in school for OPAL play and our visits to Forest School. Please also ensure that your child has a named coat in school every day as we all know how temperamental the great British weather can be, but we still try to get out whatever the weather!

We will provide all of the stationary the children will need for their learning so could we please ask that personal pencil cases do not come into school. Similarly, we ask that all toys and other personal belongings stay at home where they are safe!

Fruit is not provided for break time for children in KS2, so please remember to bring in a piece of fruit for their morning snack.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher urgently, a message can be left by contacting reception. If it is not urgent you can use the class email addresses below:

- willow@wrpschool.org – Mrs. Guest and Mrs Knight
- beech@wrpschool.org – Miss King
- sycamore@wrpschool.org – Mrs Hamilton and Mrs. Binks

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team