

Year 3 - Mr Summers - Year Ahead Notes



Welcome to Year 3!



All of the staff in Year 3 would like to welcome you to our class. As a team we committed to delivering the curriculum in a creative and stimulating way for the children. We promote a love of learning and encourage children to explore and use questioning skills to improve their own learning. Year 3 is the first year of KS2 and constitutes an increase in expectations and responsibility for the children in both their learning and behaviour. We will of course guide and support your children through this transition whilst keeping them safe and happy to be here!

Our Year 3 team consists of myself, Mrs Lynam (TA) and Mrs Parker/Mrs Miller (1:1 LSA). I will be out of class one day a fortnight for PPA/ professional development time. Our brilliant Mrs Lester and Mrs Watson will therefore be teaching Year 3 on those days. If you have ever got any questions or worries about your child please do not hesitate to pop in after school and talk to me about it. I will do my best to answer/resolve them.

School Day: Starts at 8.50am and ends at 3.15pm. Mrs Bradbury runs our Breakfast Club and After School club, so you can book in sessions if you need your child to be in school earlier or later than these times. In the unfortunate event that your child can not attend school for any reason, please could you contact the office as soon as possible.

Behaviour: As a school, we have seven core values that should guide the children's behaviour.

- Aspiration
- Confidence
- Courage
- Curiosity
- Kindness
- Respect
- Resilience

As a class we discussed the expectations for behaviour in our classroom and signed (with our handprints) to say we agree on our values tree. Our school Behaviour Policy states that positive behaviour will be rewarded with House Points, Class point, Golden Time and Gold Cards. In the unfortunate event that behaviour does not fall in line with our policy it will be recorded and will result in the loss of golden time or an order Mark depending on the severity. If an order mark is given I will inform you.

Break Time Snacks: Just a reminder that Key Stage 2 children do not have fruit provided for them by the school. Snacks brought in for break time should be kept in your child's drawer (not in their lunchbox). We have a healthy eating policy which allows fresh fruit, dried fruit and vegetables only.

Project: Each term we will have a new project that will guide our learning journey. These projects will be child led and inspire the children's curiosity and love for learning. Each term the children will hold event to show case their learning from the project. We will let you know these dates nearer the time.

Maths: In Year 3 Children work in mixed ability groups and are encouraged to choose their own level of challenge (usually a choice of 3). We will also be working on times tables to 12 and mental maths ability. The maths learning journeys will include open ended challenges and problem solving to encourage the application of these skills. A good website to support learning at home is topmarks.co.uk this website has a range of games that support and reinforce mental maths (they are fun too).

English: We will continue to have daily lessons, teaching children about various literacy genres and working in whole class, group, paired and individual groupings. We will build upon the skills they already have in reading, writing, speaking and listening, spelling, grammar and vocabulary. Our work will be linked to our termly project and will utilise Talk for Writing and the Power of Reading concepts. Again topmarks.co.uk has some fun games to help with spelling and grammar. As well as the [bbc bitesize](http://bbc.com/bitesize) website.

Reading: Please support your child's progress in this vital skill by hearing them read at least three times a week. This does not just have to be the reading book they bring home from school. It could be a comic, a newspaper, library book or any other book your child has at home. Reading for pleasure is so important so choosing a familiar book they enjoy is just as valuable in developing reading skills. Please sign your child's reading record book to say they have read in the week and to give any feedback that you feel is relevant. We have a reading challenge running again this year. If your child has read 5 times in a week (proven by your signatures) they will have their picture up on our reading challenge tree for the week. At the end of the term the children who have read the most times will receive a prize! If you would like to hear readers in school, your support would be greatly appreciated.

PE: PE will usually take place on a Tuesday and Thursday. Please ensure that your child has a named PE kit of green or black shorts, white t-shirt and daps or trainers. A jumper and tracksuit bottoms will be needed when the weather gets colder.

Swimming: Year 3 children will be taking part in swimming lessons from February until the July. These will take place on a Tuesday morning and will be accessible for children of all levels.

Sex and Relationship Education - We will continue to use the same format/resources from the Channel 4 scheme and is mainly covered in the Summer Term. If you are interested in watching the Year 4 programme, please let me know and I will try to arrange a convenient time.

Homework: Homework will be set on a Friday and will need to be returned to school by the following Wednesday. If your child (or you) is unsure about the homework that has been set, please come in and see me. Homework will generally consist of reading and spellings and times tables practise. Their learning of these will be checked in the class. Homework club will be held on Tuesday lunchtime if for any reason the children have not managed to do it before then.

Feedback/ marking: As a school we use green and pink pens when marking. The pink showing their achievements and the green the next steps that they need to make.

Help! If you would like to help in school, please come and let us know. You do need to have had your DBS check. We also welcome your support at parents' evenings and other events held at school, as well as supporting your child's learning at home.

Reminders:

Please ensure that all uniform, book bags, PE bags, shoes, sandwich boxes etc. are named so they can be returned to their owners.

I really hope that this is a happy and successful year for all of the children and I would like to thank you in advance for your support. Please pop in and see me if you have any concerns or if there are any celebrations or achievements you wish to share.

