



September 2023

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3. We hope that you had a fantastic break and enjoyed the holiday.

### The Year 3 team

3R - Natalie Thorn (Year Team Leader)

3O - Kirstie Henry and Jenny Leung

3P - Rose Jones and Sarah Crawford

3B - Martin Heidensohn

Davorka Andjelic will be working between the orange and blue class in the mornings supporting in maths lessons. Coral Lowcock will be working between red and purple class in the mornings supporting in maths lessons. Ginny Ludlow will support in some English lessons across the year group on Monday to Wednesday mornings.

In the afternoons, Davorka and Coral will be running intervention groups.

### Curriculum Chat

We will be holding our curriculum chat on **Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> September**. In this meeting we will be talking to you about how we will be teaching the different subjects in Year 3 and introduce the different topics and any changes from the infants. Hopefully we will cover most of the things you might have questions about but there will be time for questions after if need be. We will put the presentation slides up on the website to look at if you are not able to make the meeting.

The meeting will be held in the West Hall and will start just after drop off at 9.05am. Tea, coffee and biscuits will be provided by Coleridge families. We hope to see as many of you there as possible.

### Curriculum

#### Weekly overviews

We have started our first units of work for both maths and English. Please do look at the **weekly overviews** which are uploaded onto the Parent hub app. These give you a brief outline of what we are covering in the different subjects each week so you can talk to your children about what they are learning at school and offer support where necessary.

#### Topics

Our first history topic is **Ancient Egypt**. In this topic we learn about what the ancient Egyptians believed, how they wrote, the importance of the River Nile and why pyramids were built, amongst other things.

Our first geography topic is **Rivers**. Within this topic we learn about some key features of rivers and learn about different rivers around the world. We focus on the river Indus (which links into our next History topic) and how rivers get their water and shape the land.

'**Plants**' will be our first Science topic. We will be learning about different parts of plants and what they do as well as the process of pollination and seed dispersal.

Isabel Richert will be teaching Year 3 **Art** on a fortnightly basis.

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## PE

Mario Vitrano and Jason Bichri will be teaching each class **PE** once a fortnight. Other PE lessons will be taught by the class teachers. Please send your children to school dressed in suitable clothes on their PE days. These are as below:

<u>Class</u>	<u>Week 1</u>	<u>Week 2</u>
<b>3P</b>	Tuesday and Friday	Monday
<b>3O</b>	Monday	Tuesday and Friday
<b>3R</b>	Tuesday and Friday	Monday
<b>3B</b>	Monday	Tuesday and Wednesday

## Reading

All children will take part in whole class reading lessons where the focus is on inference, understanding and using new vocabulary and using key features of information texts to find information.

All children will also read in a small group once a fortnight for a guided reading session.

Those children that are still on banded reading books will read with an adult at school once a week and receive a new reading book.

Those children that are reading independently will choose a new reading book every 2 weeks.

Once the library is back up and running the children will also be able to choose a book at each visit as long as they have brought back their old one. These books are free choice so they may sometimes be books that you will need to read to them.

**All children need to have their reading book with them at school every day**, banded or a free choice book. There are independent reading times during the week where the children will need these either to read or use in sessions, or if they are reading to us. They also may like to bring in a book of their choosing from home.

We really want to stress the importance of **reading regularly with your child at home**, particularly for those on banded books. To make progress, children need to be reading on a daily basis as much as possible.

## Spellings

The children will soon start to bring home spellings to learn for a test the following week.

## Healthy snacks & water bottles

We encourage children in the juniors to bring in a healthy snack to eat at the morning break. This can only be a piece of fruit, some chopped fruit or vegetables - NOT sugary cereal bars, crisps or biscuits. The children all need a named water bottle that they can access during the day. They can refill this at school but it will need to be cleaned at home. We ask that children only have plain water in their water bottles, not sugary flavoured water or juice.

## Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances

It is vital that we have accurate information about any medical conditions or food allergies/intolerances your child may have. Please report any changes to the school office.

## Arriving at and leaving school

Registers are taken at 9am, therefore your child must be in the classroom ready for registration. If your child arrives after this time, they need to register in the office. Please ensure your child arrives on time; lateness is very unsettling for your child and the other children in the class.

The school gates will be locked at 9.05am; therefore after drop off please make sure you leave the school grounds.

## Trips

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We are in the process of booking some trips for the coming year. We will let you know as soon as these have been arranged.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team