

Learners for life



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September 2024

Dear Parents/Carers,

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

The Year 3 team

3O – Jamie Breuer (Year Team Leader)
3R – Rose Jones and Jenny Leung
3P – Grace Ludlow
3B - Martin Heidensohn

Ta Woranuch will be working between the orange and blue class in the mornings supporting in maths lessons. Emma Rose will be working between red and purple class in the mornings supporting in maths lessons. In the afternoons, Ta and Emma will be running intervention groups.

Curriculum Chat

We will be holding our curriculum chat on **Thursday 26th 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 for you 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 9.00am. 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 ParentHub. 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.

Sarah Crawford will be teaching Year 3 Art on a fortnightly basis.

PE

Mario Vitrano 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:

	Week 1	Week 2
30	Monday and Wednesday	Thursday and Friday
3R	Thursday and Friday	Tuesday and Thursday
3P	Tuesday and Friday	Monday and Tuesday
3B	Monday and Wednesday	Thursday and Friday

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 either read in a small group or 1:1 with an adult at least once a fortnight.

Those children that are still working towards the expected level will read with an adult at school once a week and receive a new reading book chosen by the teacher. Those children that are reading at or above the expected level will choose a new reading book every 2 weeks.

Children will be visiting the library with their class once a fortnight. They can also choose to go to the library at set times during lunch or break twice a week. They will be able to choose two books at each visit as long as they have brought back their old ones. One of these books will be a free choice so they may sometimes be books that you will need to read to them.

<u>All children need to have their reading books with them at school every day</u>, 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 8:55am, 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 9.00am; therefore, after drop off please make sure you leave the school grounds.

Trips

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.

Dates for your diaries Year 3 Curriculum chat – Thursday 26th September at 9am Parents' evening – 23rd October INSET days (school closed for all children) – 4th November, 27th January & 14th March School play week – 9th – 13th December Carol Concert – 11th December

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team