

Welcome to Year 3



Introduction

Mrs Brogan and Mr Jackson welcome you to year 3. We have written this booklet to help you get ready for your new adventures in Year 3. Lots of things are different in Key Stage 2, however once you have settled in, we know you will love it and we will be with you every step of the way. The current Year 3s will also be here to help you settle in and give you a helping hand when you need one.

Challenge, Independence and Expectations

When you enter Year 3, you will be expected to look after your own belongings. We will give you a little card to help you remember what to bring to school on each day. Please make sure all your clothing is labelled. We don't bring toys to school in Year 3. You also need to come ready to listen carefully so that you can know where you should be, when and what you need to be doing.

In Year 3, the children try to produce their work as independently as possible, only asking for extra help when they've tried different strategies themselves. We expect you to be organised and responsible for yourself without relying on others to do everything for you. In Key Stage 2, everyone has high expectations of each other and takes responsibility for the choices they make. Remember that the adults will be here to support you but not to do it for you.

Trips

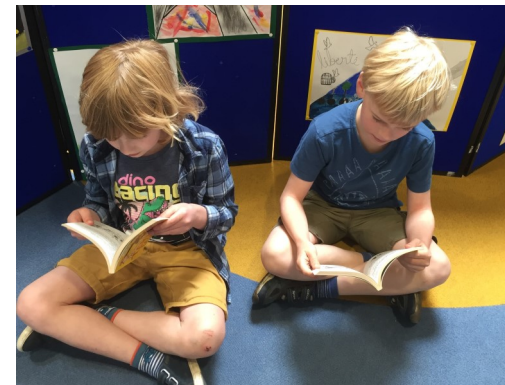
During the year, you will get the opportunity to go on trips. Previous trips have included: The Chiltern Open Air Museum, Ashmolean Museum in Oxford and Science Oxford. You might also go on a residential trip. In 2019, the current Year 5s had a fantastic time and got to have a massive sleepover with all their friends. They did lots of activities outside include pond dipping, orienteering and den building. It was great fun.

Reading

We love reading in Year 3 because we know reading helps us to improve in all areas of our learning. There will be some time for quiet reading at the start of each day and you are allowed to read either your reading scheme book or a book from the library. We have whole class Guided Reading lessons as you did in Year 2. Our class book for the Autumn term will be, The Last Bear by Hannah Gold.

Library

In the library there are lots of books to choose from. You can choose stories or factual books. If you want to take a book out, you scan the book's barcode then scan the barcode on your library card. You are allowed to take one book out of the library. At break time, there will be librarians there to help you.



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What we get excited about in Year 3

In Year 3 we seem to spend a lot of time talking about challenging ourselves and being resilient in our learning. You might think you can't do it, but look out for the big sign in the classroom that says YET. This is to remind us all that we are learning all the time and maybe can't do something quite yet. That doesn't mean we should give up because another sign in the classroom reminds us that 'Effort is vital.'



What helps in year 3 English lessons?

We will use lots of exciting ways to inspire you in your writing and we always look at examples of other author's work. You can also use word banks to help you find interesting vocabulary and shape coding to help you write super sentences that make sense. You will always get time to plan your writing and then do a practice using editing stations to correct spelling and punctuation errors and to improve your sentences. In year 3 we spend a lot of time sharing our writing with others in the class so we can help each other.

Golden Time

On Fridays you will have Golden Time where you can play do a variety of activities in the classroom or outside. Golden time is thirty minutes long.

Clubs

In Key Stage 2, we have lots of clubs. Some clubs happen at lunch time and some are after school. This year we had Football Club, Netball Club, Cricket Club, Choir and ball games, Every term you are given a letter with a list of clubs available, and you can choose a maximum of 3 clubs to take part in.

Typical Day

The timetable is different in some ways in key stage 2. For a start, the day is slightly longer than a day in key stage 1.

Morning:

At 8:40 the gate opens and at 8:50 we have registration. This means it is time for the day to begin. You will need to line up in silence. After that, you walk quietly into the classroom and take your reading book, reading record and snack out of your bag. Some days you will need to bring in your Learning Log and Spelling folder too. We can't all fit in the cloakroom at once, so I will tell you when it's time to go and hang up your bag and coat. If you're late, your parents must sign you in at reception. At 9:10 it's Collective Worship, which takes place in the hall. The first lesson starts at 9:30 and ends at playtime, which is currently at 10:20am. Remember to bring a fruit snack. After break we work until lunch which is currently at 12:00.



Afternoon:

In the afternoon, we do some more amazing lessons, after which you wait for your parents to meet you in the field. If you live in Chearsley, Nether Winchendon, Ford or Cuddington you can get a bus tag and go to school on the bus. But, remember your parents have to take your bus tag off if they do not want you to go on the bus that day and then they have to put it back on when they want you to go on it again.

Remember to ask your parents to add the full name of all the people who are allowed to collect you from the playground to your new 'collection tag'.

Subjects

PE

In PE we do lots of different sports such as football, rounders, gymnastics, cricket, netball, handball and dodgeball. Sometimes we have PE on the school field and sometimes it is in the play ground. You must remember to bring your PE kit into school each Monday and then leave it here all week. It must contain shorts, jogging bottoms, T-shirt, jumper and socks.



Swimming

In Year 3 you will go swimming once a week on a Wednesday for one term. This is at Stoke Mandeville Stadium. There are different groups in swimming and you will be tested to see which group you will be in. At the end of term there is a fun session with brilliant team games and races.

Writing in Pen

At the beginning of the year, everyone will write in pencil. You will need to continue to practise your handwriting, writing on the line and leaving finger spaces. When your writing is consistently neat and in a cursive script, you will be allowed to write in pen. This might take a while but that's OK. We always use a pencil in Maths.

Learning an Instrument

At the junior site, you may have the opportunity to learn a musical instrument. We have some excellent teachers who come into our school to teach various instruments. If you are interested in learning an instrument, an email will be sent soon with the details of who to contact.



Musical instrument lessons are very popular and so there is sometimes a waiting list. Currently, there are lessons on flute, clarinet, oboe, piano, drums, singing and guitar. The lessons happen in the school day.

Homework

Learning Log homework is set every week and is very similar to the way you have done homework with Miss Holdford. One week there will be a My Maths challenge then the next week, there will be a creative or written task relating to one of our topics. You will be given credits for how hard you have worked, so always try to do your best! We expect your Learning Log work to be presented as neatly as the work you do in school.

Spellings

You will get new spellings every week and it is exactly the same process that you have been doing in year 2. I will also test you on words from Year 2 that you should already know. As well, there is a list of challenging spellings that will be sent home at the beginning of the year and it is your job to try and learn these across the year.

French

Learning a new language is tricky but you get the hang of it after a while. You will learn how to talk about yourselves, your family, colours, animals and numbers. It's great fun.

