

Welcome to Year 3



Introduction

Mrs Brogan and Miss Holland 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 and many things are the same. 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. Please make sure all your clothing is labelled. We don't bring toys to school in Year 3.



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 will be expected to take 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: Bucks museum and a residential trip to Woodrow High House. You might also go on a residential visit. This year the year 6 class went on a residential trip where they did lots of activities outside, 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. We have lots of books in the classroom to choose from and will always have books related to our current topic unit for you to explore. 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. We also have lots of books in the classroom to choose from.

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 borrow one book from the library at a time. 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 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 but 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 version with time to correct spelling and punctuation errors and to improve your sentences. In year 3 we spend time sharing our writing with others in the class so we can help each other.

Golden Time

On Fridays you will have Golden Time during which, you can play or engage with 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, Dance club, choir and Gardening club. Every term we will email your parents with a list of clubs available and you can sign up.

Typical Day

The timetable is different in some ways in key stage 2.

Morning:

At 8:45 the gate opens and you come straight into the classroom for a morning activity. At 8.55am we have registration. If you're late, your parents must sign you in at reception. At 10:45 it's Collective Worship, which takes place in the hall. The first lesson starts at 9am and ends at playtime, which is currently at 10:30am. Remember to bring a fruit snack. After break we work until lunch which is at 12:30.

Afternoon:

In the afternoon, we do some more amazing lessons, after which you wait for your parents to meet you on the playground. 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' - just like at the infant site.

Subjects

PE

In PE we do lots of different sports such as football, rounders, gymnastics, cricket, netball, handball and tennis. 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.



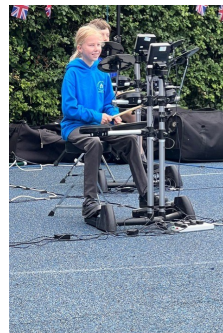
Swimming

In Year 3 you will go swimming once a week on a Wednesday for the Autumn 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.

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, please see the email with the details of who to contact. Musical instrument lessons are very popular and so there is sometimes a waiting list. On offer in September are: lessons for piano, drums and guitar. The lessons happen during the school day.



Homework

There will be spelling and maths homework set to complete online once a week. Learning Log homework is set roughly once every half term. 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

We practise our spellings every week and at the end of the term we have a test on some of the spellings you have been learning all term. It is your job to keep practising the spellings that will be on your class page of the school website.

French

Learning a new language is so much fun. You will learn how to talk about yourselves, your family, colours, animals and numbers.

