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Learn.

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Dear Parents and Carers

Welcome to Year 3 - September 2026

Welcome to Year 3. We want to make sure that you have all of the relevant information that you need to know, so that your child can have a smooth start to the academic year.

Teaching Team

We have 2 classes in Y3:

3B – Miss Barrington (Class Teacher)

4W – Miss Whitney (Class Teacher)

- Mrs Hassall (teaching Maths & English – Tuesday morning)

- Mrs Cunningham (teaching Computing on Tuesday afternoon; Art & PSHE on Thursday afternoon)

Staff supporting throughout the week - Mrs Fritz, Mrs Cunningham and Mrs Cann

What to Bring to School Each Day

All children should come to school in school uniform and with a school bag. Pupils should bring a drink bottle (containing water only) and their reading folder, containing their reading book and diaries, every day. Please make sure **all** personal items and uniform are clearly labelled with your child's name.

Reminder: Jewellery (apart from a **single stud** earring in each ear) should not be worn, although we would encourage the children to wear a wrist watch, as this helps with the teaching of time. Hair **must** be tied back at all times and any hair accessories need to be school colours (**blue/white**).

Arriving/Leaving School

Classrooms open at 08:50 and the children will be completing Start of Day Activities (SODA) during the registration period. Children must be in the classroom by 09:00 when registers are taken.

The school day ends at 15:30 and all children should be collected from the playground.

Topics

We would be grateful if you could support your child's learning by discussing with them what they have learnt in school. If your child has any items or books that are linked to our topics that the children wish to share with the class, these can be brought in to show. These are the **only** items that should be brought into school to 'show and tell'.

Our first Topic is 'The Stone Age'. We have arranged for an educational workshop to take place in October. Further details will be sent home. This will then be followed in the second half-term by 'European Adventure'.

In Science, the children will be learning all about Skeletons; Movement; Nutrition and diet; Food waste. In Re, we will be studying 'What kind of world did Jesus want?' and 'For Christians when Jesus left, what was the impact of the Pentecost?'. In Computing, the children will learning about 'Systems and networks' and 'Stop-frame animations'.

In Music, the children will be learning to play Glockenspiels with a specialist teacher, all year.

Physical Education

Our PE days are as follows:

- Indoor PE - Monday Afternoon – Dance
- Outdoor PE – Friday Afternoon – Ball Skills

Forest Schools

Our Forest School days will not be weekly as in previous years. A text will be sent home when FS clothing is required.

Home Learning

As a school, we believe that family time is extremely important and that onerous amounts of homework impact negatively upon this time. We do however recognise that it is important to prepare the pupils for the future, where there is an expectation for them to complete homework on a regular basis.

Reading – Daily reading with your child is vital for them to make the expected level of progress, both with their reading fluency and comprehension skills. Reading diaries should be completed each time you read with your child and should be sent into school daily. As part of our rewards, alongside other challenges throughout the year, children will be given two team points each week that they have read at home at least 3 times, 3 team points for at least 5 times and a gold star (worth 5 team points) if they have read every day. This must be recorded each time in their reading diaries. Class teachers will let your child know which day their reading diaries will be checked each week.

Multiplication Tables – The government expect all children to be able to recall their multiplication tables up to 12x12 by the end of their time in Year 4. In preparation for this, all children in KS2 will complete a weekly multiplication test. Also, at home there is the TT Rockstars website – an online platform where children complete multiplication challenges to earn digital rewards. The site provides an excellent platform to prepare for the multiplication check and can be used at home. (The same username and password used for Numbots in Year 2 works for TTRockstars.)

Spelling – Please help your child to learn their spellings each week. These will be sent home on Mondays and tested on Fridays. These spellings also form part of our English lessons during that week to ensure their understanding of the words and the spelling rule being taught.

Communication

If you have any queries or concerns about your child, then please speak to us in the first instance. Feel free to catch us on our duty days on the gate. However, when in class we cannot hold discussions with parents at the start of the school day as we are supervising the children. It is possible to arrange a telephone call during the day for urgent issues and also to leave messages via the school office.

We are so looking forward to working with our wonderful Year 3 pupils. Please do contact us if you have any further questions regarding your child's time in KS2.

Yours sincerely

Miss J Barrington and Miss A Whitney
Year 3 Class Teachers