

Information for Parents/Carers of Year 3

Summer Term 2024



It's incredible to think that the Summer Term is already here! Please find below lots of useful information about the new term. The information below is designed to help you and your child get the most out of the current term. We are looking forward to continuing to work closely with you and your child and value your continued support. If there is anything you are unsure about or if you want extra help/support in any area, please do not hesitate to come into school and have a chat or contact us via email.

Class Teachers	3B Mrs Broster 3J Mr Jennings	Year3/4 Teacher Mrs King
Teaching Assistants	Mrs Tsang Mrs Braithwaite	
Homework	<p>Reading: The most important and effective homework you can engage in with your child is reading. Ten or twenty minutes reading a night is not a huge amount of time, but the benefits will be long lasting and have an impact on every area of the curriculum. Please remember to write a comment in your child's home school diary each time you hear them read.</p> <p>Maths: Children will need to practise their focus times table for a test each Thursday. Regular times tables practice on Times Tables Rockstars will be helpful.</p> <p>Spelling: Lists will be given on Friday to learn for a test on the following Friday. They will also be expected to write each word within a sentence to help develop their understanding of the words and their sentence construction skills. Practice on Spelling Frame will be helpful.</p> <p>Topic-related homework: On Wednesday the children may be set an additional homework task linked to the work carried out in school.</p> <p>Homework and spelling books are due in by the following Wednesday to ensure books can be marked.</p>	
English	<p>This term, we will particularly focus on story writing, instructions and poetry. Amongst other skills, we will continue to focus on use of paragraphing, punctuating speech and varying sentences. Through the study of these units, children will develop their skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening. Work on presentational skills will continue. The children will continue to write in pen, developing their cursive style.</p> <p>Spelling and handwriting skills will be taught weekly; weekly spellings to learn at home will arise from these sessions.</p>	
Reading	<p>It remains very important for your child to continue to read at home on a daily basis in order to develop their decoding skills, fluency and expression. Discussing the content of your child's book is invaluable in developing their comprehension skills. There are lots of useful questions in your child's home school diary. We aim to instil a love of reading and will encourage your child to experience as many different genres and authors as possible. Your child will bring home a school reading book, but we also encourage the children to follow their own interests (comics, magazines, library books etc.). Remember the value of bedtime stories too!</p> <p>In school the children will study a wide range of reading texts and complete related tasks during designated reading lessons. They will also read independently and to an adult when they will have the opportunity to discuss their reading.</p>	

Maths	<p>Maths teaching will continue at an appropriate level of challenge for your child. Children will concentrate on improving their skills with the four rules of number, consolidating the formal written methods for addition and subtraction and introducing written methods for multiplication and division. There will also be a strong focus on fractions, telling the time and drawing and interpreting graphs.</p> <p>We will continue to focus on multiplication tables. The expectation of the National Curriculum is that children should be able to confidently recall the multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables (in addition to the 2, 5 and 10 times tables from the Year 2 curriculum). The children will benefit greatly from regular home support and practice in this area. Please remember to make the most of Times Tables Rockstars. It's noticeable that regular users are making lots of progress.</p> <p>There are many other ways to support your child in the development of Maths skills such as shopping, cooking and board games.</p> <p>Supporting your child in their understanding of telling the time to the nearest minute will be invaluable this term. Please encourage them to wear an analogue watch and use the clocks</p>
Geography	Our topic this term will be a comparison of Italy and the UK. We will be focusing on some physical elements as well as famous landmarks.
History	Our history focus will be 'The Romans'. We will be learning about the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain.
Science	Our topics this term will be 'Animals including Humans' and 'Rocks and Fossils'. Our Science work will allow children to continue to develop investigative, research and observational skills as well as building up key scientific knowledge.
Computing	This term, we will be using iCompute to learn about and navigate technology. In the first half term, we will be focusing on iConnect; a topic designed to help children develop a better understanding of the internet and how to navigate this safely and effectively. In the second half term, we will be focusing on iPodcast; a topic designed to help children understand how to produce, improve and evaluate a podcast.
D.T.	This term we will be completing the food element of our D.T. curriculum through our 'Pizza' project.
Art	This term's artist study will be based on the work of Claude Monet.
PE	Our PE sessions will continue to be taught by Mr Maylard-Mason on Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit. Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back and that earrings cannot be worn. The children will go outside in most weathers! It is helpful for the children to keep their PE kits in school all week.
Swimming	Swimming will continue on Thursday afternoons.
PSHE	Our PSHE topics this term are 'Relationships' and 'Changing Me'. These themes are explored in the classroom and through whole school assemblies.
RE	Our RE for this term will be based around the theme of 'Light and Dark', looking particularly at the symbolism of light in the Christian religion.
French/Music	A weekly session of French will be taught by Mrs Broster and music by Mr Parnell.
Trips and Special Days	<p>As part of our History topic on the Romans, we will be having a special Roman Day in school on 18th June which will be provided by the Partake Theatre Company. The children will <u>not</u> need to provide costumes for this day.</p> <p>Our annual sports day will take place on the afternoon of Wednesday 19th June. Your child will be required to wear a t shirt in the colour of their House Team.</p>