



# Welcome to Year Three

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We would like to take this opportunity to welcome you to a new school year and extend our thanks for supporting the new routines and arrangements in place. It has been a delight seeing the children smiling, settling into Year 3 and enjoying school life once more. We hope that you will find some of the information below useful, particularly to share with your child.

## Topics covered this year

Autumn Term 1 - The Stone Age to the Iron Age: *'We are Archaeologists'*.

Autumn Term 2 – Our Place in the World: *'We are Geographers'*.

Spring Term – The Impact of the Romans on Britain: *'We are Historians'*.

Summer Term 1- The Importance of Rainforests: *'We are Rainforest Rangers'*.

Summer Term 2 – The Mayan Civilization: *'We are Anthropologists'*.

## PE days

Please ensure that your child's kit is named and in school throughout the week. There may be an opportunity to have an additional session outside the normal time therefore it is important to keep a P.E. bag in school all the time. The children may work barefoot in the hall (for gymnastics) unless we have a letter from you asking for them to wear plimsolls. As the weather gets colder, we encourage the children to bring tracksuits for outside sessions. Outside games will take place on Tuesdays throughout the year and indoor PE usually on Thursdays.

## Homework and expectations

Reading & Reading Diary – Reading takes priority over all home learning and supporting your child's reading at home is essential to their development and learning. We recommend that children read aloud to you on a daily basis and ask that you record their reading in their reading diary every week. You may also wish to record a comment about your child's reading and/ or their progress, particularly towards targets: we always welcome any feedback or queries you may have. Remember, children do not need to read a whole book each night, a few pages are sufficient, as 15-20 minutes is the recommended minimum time spent for reading, sharing books and discussion time.

Home Learning – the children have access to an online maths programme, called My Maths, on which they will be set weekly maths activities to complete at home. Later this year, we will also introduce Times Tables Rock Stars, which is also an online programme to support the learning of times tables. In addition, we have already sent some exciting ideas for the children to explore and extend their learning linked to our main topic, which they will do each term, as well as weekly spellings, which will be tested every Friday morning.

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## How to help your child at home

- Encourage your child to ensure they have everything they need for the day, such as their water bottle, snack and reading diary/ book.
- Help your child to dress independently, such as undoing their buttons, and practising to tie their tie and shoelaces.
- Support them to develop their knowledge and understanding of basic maths skills, such as times tables and telling the time.
- Support them to keep reading regularly at home, by taking Accelerated Reader quizzes or practising their phonics as often as possible.

## Other things you need to know

- Our Healthy Eating policy continues and all children are encouraged to bring a sports cap style water bottle with them to school every day, and a healthy snack for break time.
- We are hoping to offer plenty of extra-curricular activities for the children and have some exciting visits and visitors planned for later in the year.
- Please remember that the Key Stage 2 uniform expectations are slightly different to Key Stage 1. Thank you for your support in ensuring that your children are adhering to the uniform policy and look smart. We would continue to ask that all children wear a white shirt and school tie (compulsory for Key Stage 2), that all children with long hair come to school with it tied back and that any weekend nail varnish is removed.

## Other Points

- As the warm September weather continues, it is a good idea for children to have a sun hat and sun cream in school. We will remind the children about this again for the summer term but keeping safe in the sun at this time of the year is important too.
- As well as attending a weekly sports club, Year 3 children have the opportunity to join the choir and/ or learn a range of musical instruments – please ask for further details if your child is interested.
- We are not allowed to administer any medicines at all without an appropriate permission form. We ask that children who use asthma pumps should either carry them or keep it in the classroom.

## Date for drop-in:

**Wednesday 29<sup>th</sup> September 2021, 3:30 – 4:30pm. This is an opportunity for you to meet the team and ask any questions you may have.**

***Thank you. Best wishes, from the Year Three Team.***