

Year Three's Half Termly Newsletter
Miss Murphy, Mrs Watkinson and Mrs Shaw (Wednesday PM)

Welcome to Year Three

We are so excited to be starting a new school year and I am sure lots of the children are too. Moving into KS2 can be filled with a mix of emotions, but we know that the children are ready and are going to have a fantastic year. We can't wait to get stuck in to learning!

The class teacher for Year 3 is Miss Murphy and Mrs Watkinson (Teaching Assistant) will be working with the children every day. Mrs Shaw will teach the class on a Wednesday afternoon.

We will hold our annual Meet the Teacher meeting on: Tuesday 21st September at 3:30pm, in the school hall.

Please do come along to this meeting if possible, as we will give out plenty of important information about the year ahead whilst also giving parents an opportunity to ask questions.

We will use your child's Learning Journal as a source of communication from time to time so please aim to check these frequently. Parents are free to write a message to teachers in their child's Learning Journal, but please bear in mind that these are not checked every day, so do prompt your child to bring it to the teacher when they get into class. Remember that our door is always open, you can come and speak to myself or Mrs Watkinson if you have any concerns or worries, we want to ensure that your child has a great year and makes excellent progress.

The Year Three Curriculum

There is plenty of information on our school website about the curriculum, including knowledge organisers, year group specific curriculum maps and home learning resources, so please head over to find out about all of the Year Three Curriculum.

Home Learning

In Year Three, we continue to prioritise reading. We ask that pupils read at least five times a week at home. Please can an adult sign their child's reading journal when they have read. As usual, we will complete a weekly reading raffle as an incentive for children to read frequently.

Children will be provided with a banded home reading book. We encourage pupils to read these books at home, but to also feel free to read any other book they may enjoy – this could include books from home, a library or even magazines and newspapers. All reading is good reading!

Pupils will continue to be encouraged to access Times Table Rockstars and take part in numerous battles throughout the course of the year. A strong times table knowledge builds an excellent foundation for mathematical understanding, so please do encourage your child to access TT Rockstars daily.

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term (see attached sheet – these are also saved on the class webpage). We encourage pupils to practise these spellings as frequently as possible at home. Test dates are recorded at the bottom of each spelling list – if there are any changes to these dates, we will inform you via your child's Learning Journal.

A home learning menu will be sent home at the start of each half term, providing your child with lots of different ideas to further their learning at home. We encourage pupils to complete at least one activity from the menu per half term. We will dedicate time at the end of the half term to share and celebrate any work completed from the menus.

Book Bags

Please ensure that your child's book bag comes to school each day. Pupils should ensure that they have their reading book and Learning Journal in their book bag every day. Letters sent home will be placed in book bags, so please do check frequently for these.

Home-time

A reminder that for safeguarding purposes, you must inform a member of staff if you wish your child to be collected by an adult that does not usually collect them.

Seesaw

Seesaw will continue to be used by class teachers and your login details should stay the same. If you have any problems logging in, please let us know and we can send the details home. Seesaw may be used to send announcements, any extra home learning or even to showcase excellent work, but please note that the message function will not be in use. If you wish to speak to a member of staff, please make an appointment to do so at the school office. Miss Barton will continue to use the Seesaw messaging function to liaise with parents about music lessons.

PE

Please ensure that pupils bring their PE kit into school at the start of each half term. During the winter months, pupils will also need an outdoor PE kit. This half term, Year Three pupils will be having their PE lessons on a Monday.

To ensure pupils always have a PE kit in school, we will not send kits home until the end of a half term (unless they have gotten particularly dirty). If your child takes part in a sporting club, please can they bring their own games kit into school each week.

We very much look forward to the year ahead and thank you in advance for your support this year. Please do not hesitate to contact us at any point this year.

Kind regards,
Miss Murphy and Mrs Watkinson

Year Three Curriculum Map

In the autumn term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths, we will be learning about numbers and their place value up to 1,000. We will use concrete materials and pictorial methods to represent them. We will also compare and order numbers up to 1000 and will find 100 more/less than any given number. We will then move on to the addition and subtraction of 3 digit numbers using the column method.	English In English, we will be reading and exploring the Anthony Browne text, Into the Forest. Through reading this text, we will explore key themes about plot, character development and emotional response. We will respond to the text creatively through discussion, drama and storytelling and will write theatre scripts based on this text.	RE In RE, we will be learning about the Prophets e.g. Moses/Jonah, who were called by God to send his message to the people. We will learn how this was part of God's big salvation plan to enable people to turn back and mend their broken relationship with him.
History In history, we will be learning about Ancient Greece. We will learn how this was not a country but a civilisation made up of city-states. We will also learn about the famous warriors who came from Sparta, and about Athens as the birthplace of democracy.	Geography In geography, we will be completing our annual spatial sense unit. We will learn about maps and how to use grid references to find specific locations. We will also look at the human and physical geography of our environment.	Science In science, we will be learning all about the human body. We will learn about different systems within our bodies including the muscular, skeletal, digestive and nervous system and how they work.
PE In PE, we will be working outside as much as possible to complete our hockey unit. We will focus on different skills and techniques and the rules in a game.	PHSE In PHSE, we will be thinking about 'How to let love in'. We will think about the kind words or actions shown to us and allow this to strengthen our hearts.	Art In Art, we will be learning about line and how artists use this to create their pieces. We will explore how line can show edges, shapes, light/shade and form.
We will have designated DT days taught by Mrs O'Donnell and set days in the ICT suite for Computing.		

Year 3 Home Learning Menu

Autumn 1- History – Ancient Greece

Get Creative

Show your History knowledge through some artwork.

Look into Greek Pottery Art and draw a design that you might have found on some Ancient Greek Pottery.



Oh the places you'll go!

Can you research different landmarks in Ancient Greece and write about them.

Why would people like to visit these places? What makes them an exciting place to visit? Where are they? Are they still there today?



Time to Teach

Can you teach others about the Ancient Greeks. You could create a presentation to show them key information, people and dates.



Reason to Research

Research the first Olympic games and write about what happened.

What events did they have?

You might even have your own Olympics at home!



Become an Author!

Greek Mythology is the set of stories about the gods, goddesses, heroes and rituals of Ancient Greeks.

Can you write your own Greek myth?



Have it your own way!

Or you can do it your way! Explore the topic further in any way you choose.

I am looking forward to seeing how creative you all are with your home learning task!