

Welcome to Year 3!



Who are we?

- Mr Geeson, class teacher.
- Mrs Connelly HLTA.



Morning and Afternoon Routines

- Children will enter the classroom from the side playground, with the doors opening at 8.50am (8.45am in bad weather).
- At the end of the school day, the children will leave through the same door and be dismissed when a parent / carer has arrived. Please stand near the classroom windows.
- Please let any of us know if your child is being picked up from school by another adult.
- Please also let GOOSE know if your child won't be attending, otherwise they will still be sent across for safeguarding reasons.
- Please also inform us if your son / daughter won't be attending an after-school club.



Contact

- I can be contacted via the messaging feature on Class Dojo, or via email during school hours.
- If the message is regarding children not attending an after-school club, please email / telephone the school office, as I am sometimes unable to pick messages up straight away.
- General communication / updates from myself, will also be made on Dojo.



Physical Education

- This year our P.E. days are on Wednesday (PM) and Friday (AM)*. On these days, children should continue to come into school dressed in their PE kits. As part of this kit, please also include some jogging / tracksuit bottoms and a top, for use during colder weather. A thin pair of gloves may also be useful.
- If your son / daughter is unable to tie their shoelaces, please could you practise this at home.
- Earrings should be removed on PE days or taped over.

*For the first half-term, the Friday PE lesson is replaced by Forest School.



Topics

- A full list of Year 3 topics for the whole curriculum can be found on the school website under the learning section (please see example).



Homework

- Homework will be sent out weekly on a Monday and this will be posted on Class Dojo within your son / daughter's portfolio.
- The main focus will be on spellings, reading and times tables. I will also give an outline of what maths topics we have covered in class, with links to some teaching videos and games.



Reading

- Our big focus in reading, is understanding what we have read (comprehension) and within class we use a process known as V.I.P.E.R.S. This focuses on the key comprehension skills, which we develop in class.
- There will be a V.I.P.E.R.S. focus on the homework sheet each week, to aid you in asking questions to your son / daughter when they read at home.
- When a new reading book is issued, this will be photographed and placed in the Class Dojo portfolio. You can then comment on your child's progress etc.
- A recommended list of books for Year 3 can be found on the school website, under the learning section.
- Miscues will take place in the second half of every term. This is when we will check on the progress made with regards to V.I.P.E.R.S. with a view to changing book bands.



Times Tables

- Year 2: 2's, 5's and 10's.
- Year 3: 3's, 4's and 8's.
- Year 4: the remaining times tables.
- One maths lesson per week will be devoted to times tables work and for the first half-term at least, we will be revising the Year 2 times tables.
- Towards the end of Year 3, we shall begin to look at some of the Year 4 times tables.
- The Government Multiplication Check Test will take place in June 2028.



Snacks

- A **small** healthy snack can be brought for morning break.
- Please ensure that these snacks are nut free.



My Happy Mind

This is a scheme which we started in school three years ago, focusing in on mental health and wellbeing. My Happy Mind has an app, to give you an overview of the topics which we will be covering and for you to support your child's learning in school. If you wish to sign up for the app, please complete your details on the form at the back of the classroom and Miss Kunce will do the rest!



Miscellaneous

- Toys and randoms. Please leave these at home, so that they don't get lost or damaged.



- Trips- there will hopefully be two trips (spring and summer terms). Further details will be sent out nearer the time.
- The Year 3 / 4 performance will take place just before the Easter break, in April 2027.

Any questions??

