

Welcome to Year 3

General

This leaflet is designed to give you a brief overview of your child's school life over the coming year in terms of our expectations, as well as providing you some insight into the topics we intend to cover. There are two formal parents' evenings in the year, but if at any other time you need a chat with the teacher, please let us know and we can make an appointment for a time that suits us both. In addition, you can contact us through the ClassDojo application.

Swifts and Swallows classes are taught by Miss Burt and Miss Luggar respectively, ably assisted by Mrs Willcocks, Mrs Ward and Mrs Harvey.



English

English is taught for at least one hour a day with extra time dedicated to reading, spelling and handwriting. The children will explore a wide range of text types during the year and their reading and writing skills will be developed and extended.

The children will have a levelled book from the Accelerated Reader scheme. Once they have read their book, they can do a quiz during school time to check their understanding of what they have read.

- If they achieve 100% in a quiz, then they move up to the next level
- If they achieve 80-99%, then they stay on the same level
- If they achieve 79% or below then they move down a level

The children will read regularly in school but will not necessarily read individually with an adult on a daily basis. We appreciate your support in ensuring that the children practise reading at home on a regular basis, whether they read to you or on their own. We ask that they record their reading in their home-school diaries. Please feel free to use their diaries to record any comments you may have and remind your child to give their diary to their teacher when they come into school.

Big Writing takes place on every second week and is the culmination of 2 weeks' work on a specific genre of writing. The children will prepare for the task in school during the weeks but may wish to talk through their ideas with you or find some extra information at home.

Spellings for each week are introduced on a Monday. Some will follow a pattern which will be explored during the week with investigations and taught phonic sessions; others will be key words from the year 3/4 spelling list. They will be tested on a Monday. Attached is a copy of the year 3/4 spelling list, which the children are expected to learn by the end of their time in year 3 and 4.

Maths

Maths is also taught daily. Our aim is to ensure that the children are confident handling numbers and completing calculations and that they progress to the next step only when their understanding of the current step is completely secure. They may use strategies that are unfamiliar to you. If you are ever unsure or want further clarification about the methods they are using, please don't hesitate to see your child's teacher.

In school, they will develop their skills through a mixture of activities, including formal written lessons, investigations, practical activities and games.

Continued practice of the multiplication tables at home is very much appreciated; **all children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 times tables confidently by the end of Year 3.** The children take a weekly times tables test to ensure progress and confidence in their times tables.



Topic Work

In the creative curriculum we will be covering the following topics: Stig of the Dump, The Iron Man, Escape from Pompeii, The Great Kapok Tree, Charlotte's Web, and The River Singers.

Through these topics we will cover Science, Geography, History, Art and D.T. In addition, the children will be taught Computing, French, RE, Games, PE, Wild Tribe forest school activities and Music.

Possible visits and visitors:

Spring Term- Land Use investigation

Summer Term- River investigation

Timetable Commitments:

PE: Monday and Thursday

Wild Tribe: Thursday (First half of each term)



P.E. Kit

Children should come to school dressed in their P.E. kit on P.E. days. For P.E. the children should wear black shorts, socks, a white T-shirt and school jumper. For the autumn term, children will be participating in gymnastics lessons. For gymnastics, children must wear shorts as they are unable to participate if they are wearing leggings or tracksuit bottoms due to health and safety reasons with the apparatus that they will use. Each child also needs a pair of suitable trainers. For outdoor games children may bring a tracksuit to wear in cold weather. All kit should be clearly named. Earrings are not allowed

Homework

Homework is set on Wednesdays and due in the following Monday. Each task should take no more than 20 minutes. Homework will be issued through Class Dojo. We are always available at lunchtimes to help your child with any aspects of their homework, that they need support with. Homework can be completed digitally and uploaded to their 'portfolio'. Subsequently, it will be marked online through the Class Dojo application.

Media

If you do not wish your child's photo to be published, either in the papers or on the blog, please let your class teacher or the office know in writing. Thank you.

Clubs

Clubs will begin running again this term. A letter will be sent out to inform you about the choice of clubs available for your child to pick from. Clubs tend to change each term so there should be plenty to choose from.

We hope that the children make a great start to **Year 3** and settle in well. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive year! If you do have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to come in and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Luggier and Miss Burt.

