



Welcome To Year 3



Mrs Marks (Swifts) and Mrs Sykes (Swallows) would like to welcome you to Year 3, 2022 - 2023.

We hope this leaflet will provide you with information about what your child will be learning over the next year.

ENGLISH

English is taught for at least an hour and a half every day. The children will be given access to a wide range of texts and they will be taught reading and writing skills. They will be reading and writing every day as a class, in groups, in pairs and by themselves.

This year, we are starting a new spelling programme which involves more investigation of spelling patterns rather than rote learning. We would like to bring this to your attention as we will no longer be carrying out weekly spelling tests. Research shows that children can score highly in a weekly test but not use those spelling correctly in their writing, so we wish to foster an interest in, and understanding of, spelling. Children will be encouraged to use their spelling knowledge to proofread and edit their writing.

Please encourage your child to read at home as often as possible. We encourage the children to read a book two/three times, depending on the length of the text, before changing it. This is so that your child has the time to decode words, develop fluency and develop their comprehension skills. By the third read, your child should be reading the book easily and with little help from you. They should also be able to talk confidently about the events in the book and read with expression. Please record in your blue, home school diary if your child has read the book once, twice, or is ready to change the book. Children on Accelerated Reader may now choose 'Middle Years' books, however if there is ever a text your child is not enjoying please just catch any of the Year 3 team or send us a message and we will change it. On Accelerated Reader:

100% = move up a level

80% - 90% = stay on the same level

70% or below = move down a level.

MATHS

Maths also takes place daily for at least an hour. Children are encouraged to work in pairs and groups as well as individually. This encourages them to discuss how they are solving their problems. In maths lessons, the children will get the opportunity to use a variety of resources, including Numicon, Diennes, bead strings, tens frames, multilink cubes, number lines and hundred squares. If you are in any doubt about the methods

your child is using please see any member of the Year 3 team who will be happy to explain.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION AND WILD TRIBE

PE will take place on a Monday and Thursday for both classes. Children may come into school in their PE kit on PE days. Please could parents ensure that their children have the correct PE uniform (plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/tracksuit bottoms or leggings, trainers and a school sweatshirt). No football kits or kit in alternative colours please. This term, Year 3 will have gymnastics. Due to the children having the opportunity to use all the apparatus, shorts are essential. There are no changing rooms, so wearing shorts under tracksuit bottoms would be a good idea. Please remember all jewellery needs to be removed, preferably at home.

In Year 3, the children will have two immersive Wild Tribe days throughout the year. One in the Autumn Term and one in the Summer term. These days will take place in our Wild Tribe area, on the Moors or in Longtimber Woods. Each day will give the children time to learn and practise new skills and will be linked to their current topic. As well as this they will have a unit of Wild Tribe in the Summer Term, which will consist of weekly Wild Tribe sessions.

More information about the Wild Tribe days will follow on class pages.

Please could children have a waterproof coat, wellies and a change of trousers for their Wild Tribe sessions. Many thanks.

HOMEWORK

The children will be given homework every Wednesday, to be returned the following Monday. Our aim is for the children to be able to do this homework independently. If you could help with reading the instructions for them and ensuring they stick to the timings given (i.e. not spending too long on it) that would be most helpful.

Whilst we appreciate your support, maths is taught in a very systematic and specific way so if your child doesn't understand the homework, please avoid sharing an alternative method as this can cause confusion.

Please don't hesitate to ask us if you ever have any questions about the homework.

GENERAL INFORMATION

Every morning it would be fantastic if your child could bring to school a water bottle, a coat, their home-school diary and their reading book.

If you have any worries or questions, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Mrs Marks and Mrs Sykes

