

Welcome to Year 3



Adults

Miss Lungu - Class Teacher
Miss Eisen - Teaching assistant
Mr Conner - Teaching Assistant
Mr Mckenna - Teaching Assistant

Punctuality and attendance

As a school, we are always trying very hard to improve the attendance and punctuality of the children. We believe both aspects impact their progress considerably. School is open at 8:45am every morning and the register is done at 8.55am. If your child arrives late, they need to enter through the main office so that they can be signed in.



PE

This year, Year 3 will have PE on Mondays in the morning and Tuesdays in the afternoon. Can parents and guardians please make sure that their child has suitable clothing and footwear for both indoor and outdoor activities, particularly extra layers of clothing for when the weather turns cold as lessons could still be held outside if it is dry. PE is delivered by West Lancashire Sports Partnership.

Homework/Reading

Homework has now become optional to pupils, it is there for them if they would like to have it and this will be handed out on Mondays, to be returned on Fridays and will be marked by staff. Children will still be given spellings to take home to practise and ready for testing on Friday. Please do not worry if you are not able to practice these with your child, we practise these spellings daily in school.

Reading is compulsory to all children. Parents and guardians are encouraged to read with their children as often as possible, whether it is their home reader or books they enjoy at home, as this will help with their progress. We listen to pupils read at least twice a week and change their books and book bands accordingly.

Pupils are also encouraged to practise their times tables as often as they can. All children have access to Times Tables Rock Stars where they can practise their times tables and compete against other children. It is important that children know their times tables as there will now be a national test in Year 4 and also because their times tables knowledge is useful in many areas of numeracy.



Topics

The first topic of the year is the **Stone Age**. Children will be learning about what life was like in the Stone Age including: the different periods, their homes, how they got their food and how they survived during that time. They will also compare the Stone Age to life today. Children are more than encouraged to do their own research at home to share with the rest of the class.

The rest of the topics we will study are:

Liverpool

Romans

History of Sport

Rainforest



Break and Lunch

Break time will begin at 10:00 and will finish at 10:15. In the juniors, children no longer get fruit so they are encouraged to bring a healthy snack to have during break.

Lunch is at 12:00 and children return to class at 12:45. Children choose what they would like for dinner every morning during registration. School dinners are £2 per day.

In the juniors, children do not have an afternoon play. However, for the first few weeks Year 3 will still have an afternoon break and within the next few weeks, we will begin to reduce play by one day each week so that they gradually get used to having no afternoon play.



Water

Water bottles are no longer provided by the school. You may send your child with a water bottle daily that they can have available to them in the classroom. We ask that only water is sent into school. Children will still have water available to them in the classroom.



Please don't hesitate to contact me or the school if you have any concerns, no matter how small, throughout the year. I have an open door policy so you are more than welcome to discuss any issues or concerns.

We look forward to growing and learning with Year 3.