

Welcome to Year 3



We would like to wish you and your child a warm welcome to Year 3. We hope that you have had an enjoyable and relaxing summer and that the children are ready for the exciting year we have planned for them. Our topics for the first term are outlined below, along with some other key information.

Literacy

Each half term, our Literacy topic will focus around a different book. This half-term, the book we will be reading and studying is 'The Bear and the Piano'. The study of this text will develop reading comprehension, spoken language, vocabulary and writing skills. The children will have lots of opportunities to write in different genres and we will continue to build upon the grammar and punctuation learnt in Year 2, making sure that this is used correctly and consistently. We will also continue to place a high importance on handwriting this year, with the added incentive for children to earn their pen licence.

Reading

At Kingshurst, we place a high importance on reading. It is a key skill that children need to acquire to reach their potential across the curriculum and beyond. To support this, there will be many opportunities for your child to read throughout the day, both independently and during guided reading sessions. Therefore, it is important that they bring their reading/library book into school everyday. You can support your child by encouraging them to read at home regularly.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to follow the White Rose Scheme of work, which the children are familiar with. As well as building on prior learning, the children will be introduced to new concepts and methods. The children will have lots of opportunities to apply their mathematical knowledge in a range of different ways, including problem solving and carrying out mathematical investigations.

Science

Our Science topic for this half term is Rocks. During this topic, the children will have the opportunity explore different rocks and soils. They will learn how the Earth is made up of different rocks and fossils and begin to explain how they were formed. There will be an opportunity this half term to come and join your child in a Science Inspire workshop. More information on this will follow.

Wider curriculum

Children will also be taught a range of foundation subjects throughout the week including Computing, Spanish, Science, Geography, PE, History, PSHE and Art. If you would like more information about our curriculum, you can find this on the school website.

PE

Our PE days for this term are as follows:

- 3SW and 3O - Monday
- 3C - Tuesday

On these days, children can come into school wearing their PE kit. This is a plain white t-shirt and dark blue shorts or jogging bottoms with no logos. Children can also wear a matching plain dark blue hoodie or zip up jacket. Thank you for your support with this.

Homework

Homework will consist of general spellings on Ed/Spelling Shed, weekly spelling test practise in a spelling book and times table practise on Times Table Rockstars.. Logins to these platforms will be sent home with the children. Spelling tests will take place on a Friday.

Equipment

Children have access to all the equipment they need for year 3, so they will not need to bring anything into school other than a:

- Named water bottle.
- A healthy snack for break time (please remember that snacks are no longer provided).
- Their reading book.
- Lunchbox if required.

Attendance

Good attendance plays a vital role in your child's education. We have a high focus on attendance in school with rewards available weekly. To ensure the children gain the most from their education, please support us in making sure your child is in school, on time every day. Thank you.

Uniform

The children have come into school looking very smart in their uniform. Your continued support with this would be very much appreciated. As a reminder, children are to wear black school shoes, not trainers. All uniform (including school coats) are to be named. Thank you.

ClassDojo is available for you to contact teachers directly if you have any questions or concerns. Teachers are unable to access ClassDojo during teaching time so if you have an urgent message then please call the main school office. Absence must be reported by telephoning the main school office.

Should you have any further concerns, please contact Mrs S Salt, who is our Phase Leader.

We look forward to a successful and exciting term and would like to thank you for your support in advance.

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Salt 3SW (Phase Leader)
Mrs Walvisch 3SW (Year Group Leader)
Miss Osborne 3O
Miss Coleman 3C
Mrs Foster (Monday - Wednesday)
Miss Dykes