

# Welcome to Year 3

## Autumn Term 2023



A very warm welcome to all parents and carers of children in Year 3. We are sure your child is going to have a wonderful year with us. Please find below lots of useful information about the new term. If you have any questions or if there is anything you are unsure about please don't hesitate to contact us via email. We are looking forward to working closely with you and your child and we value your continued support.

Class Teachers	3B Mrs Broster 3J Mr Jennings	Year3/4 Teacher Mrs King
Teaching Assistants	Mrs J. Tsang Mrs J. Sykes-Ellis	
Homework	<p><b>Reading:</b> The most important and effective homework you can engage in with your child is reading. Ten or twenty minutes reading a night is not a huge amount of time, but the benefits will be long lasting and have an impact on every area of the curriculum. Please remember to write a comment in your child's home school diary each time you hear them read.</p> <p><b>Maths:</b> Children will need to practise their focus times table for a test each Thursday. Regular times tables practice on <b>Times Tables Rockstars</b> will be helpful.</p> <p><b>Spelling:</b> Lists will be given on Friday to learn for a test on the following Friday. They will also be expected to write each word within a sentence to help develop their understanding of the words and their sentence construction skills.</p> <p><b>Topic-related homework:</b> On Wednesday the children may be set an additional homework task linked to the work carried out in school.</p> <p>Homework and spelling books are due in by the following Wednesday to ensure books can be marked.</p>	
Home School Diary	Your child has a brand new Home School Diary with lots of important information in. Please help your child look to after this and remember to bring it into school every day. Could you also help your child to keep their reading log up to date—this is a place for parents/carers, children and teaching staff to write their comments. Please note that all of your child's personal logs are in this book and the red homework book.	
PE	Our PE sessions will be taught by Mr Maylard-Mason on Friday. Please ensure your child has the correct PE kit, including a pair of tracksuit bottoms, sweatshirt and change of socks to wear in PE once the weather begins to get colder. Please remember that long hair needs to be tied back and that earrings cannot be worn. The children will go outside in most weathers! It is helpful for the children to keep their PE kits in school for the whole half term.	
English	<p>Much of our English teaching this year will be based around a range of engaging books which will be used to inspire the children's writing.</p> <p>In the Autumn Term we will introducing our first 'Talk for Writing' unit based on Portal stories. We will particularly focus on the techniques of setting and descriptions within stories. We will then move on to develop letter writing. We will also be writing some poetry. Through the study of these units, children will develop their skills in reading, writing and speaking and listening. Work on presentational skills will be ongoing throughout the year.</p> <p>Spelling and handwriting skills will be taught weekly; weekly spellings to learn at home will arise from these sessions.</p>	
Reading	In Year 3 it is <b>very</b> important that your child continues to read at home on a daily basis in order to develop their decoding skills, fluency and expression. Discussing the content of your child's book is invaluable in developing their comprehension skills. We aim to instil a love of reading and will encourage your child to experience as many different genres and authors as possible. Your child will bring home a school reading book but we also encourage the children to follow their own interests (comics, magazines, library books etc.). Remember the value of bedtime stories too! Reading is the most important homework your child can do! In school the children will study a range of guided reading texts and complete related tasks during whole class reading lessons. They will also read independently and to an adult where they will discuss their reading.	

Maths	<p>Maths teaching will continue at an appropriate level of challenge for your child. Children will concentrate on improving their skills with number, particularly with place value, addition and subtraction. The children will also be developing their mental arithmetic strategies.</p> <p>The ability to recall key addition and subtraction facts (eg. number bonds to 10/20, adding two single digit numbers etc.) is crucial to your child's development in Maths. Playing number related games eg. using dice or Maths based computer games can make a huge difference in building up these skills.</p> <p>We will also be focusing on multiplication tables; the children will benefit greatly from regular home support and practice in this area.</p> <p>There are many other ways to support your child in the development of Maths skills such as shopping, cooking, board games, telling the time.</p>
Geography	<p>Our first mini topic is 'Me and My New School' which will be an introductory topic enabling your child to become more familiar with their new school environment.</p> <p>The following topic 'Mapping My World' will focus on where in the world we are and what makes the UK unique.</p>
Science	<p>Our topics this term will be 'forces and magnetism' and 'light'.</p> <p>Investigative work will focus on fair testing and using results to draw conclusions.</p>
Computing	<p>This term, we will be using iCompute to learn about and navigate technology. In the first half term we will focus on 'iProgram' during which the children will learn to program animations. During the second half term, we will be focusing on 'iSimulate' during which we will be exploring computer simulations, investigating options and testing predictions. We will also cover the issues around e-safety with your child.</p>
Art	<p>This term's artist study will be based on the work of Frida Kahlo, with a main focus on self portraits. We will also be using paint and clay to produce artwork linked to a winter theme and RE focus on Hinduism.</p>
PSHE	<p>Our PSHE topics this term are Being Me in My World and Celebrating Differences. These themes are explored in the classroom and through whole school assemblies.</p>
RE	<p>The main focus of RE lessons this term will be based on the Hindu religion, focusing on aspects of beliefs, worship and festivals. We will then focus on aspects of Christmas.</p>
French/Music	<p>A weekly session of French will be taught by Mrs Broster and music by Mr Parnell.</p>