

Welcome to Year 3

Thursday, 3rd September 2026

Welcome back

I hope you have had a lovely summer break and that the children are now ready to start the new school year.

I am sure they will soon settle back into school routine. Miss Langan is looking forward to working with the class until I am fully recovered from my knee operation and I am sure that the class will have a very exciting and productive time with her. I will be itching to get back and see how the children have grown up ready for KS2. I hope the children will enjoy the new challenges of Year 3.

Transition from Year 2 to Year 3

We aim to ensure that the children make a smooth transition from Year 2 to Year 3. They will be consolidating, building upon and extending the experiences and learning that they experienced in Year 2. The children will continue to develop basic skills, but they will gradually be eased into more challenging learning as the year progresses, so that they remain motivated and enthusiastic.

Reading in Year 3

The children should bring in their home reading books and reading records every day as we do silent reading each day and we will also be listening to children read during the school day. There is no specific day for changing reading books in Year 3. As soon as the children have finished reading their current book, they may have a new one, although we will not be giving them a new book every day. The children should be reading an average of two books per week, depending on the length of the text. We will check their reading record books and keep a record in school of the books they have read at home.

Snack

From Year 3 onwards, the children no longer receive a free snack for morning playtime, but they are allowed to bring in their own snack from home. This should be some kind of fruit or other healthy snack - NOT crisps or anything with chocolate in. Remember we are a nut free school as some children have severe allergies.

Spelling

Each half term, this will start on my return to school, the children will receive a spelling homework booklet. The booklets are also intended to inform you about the spellings that we will be covering in Year 3. The children can work through the booklets at their own pace, and they do not have to bring them back to school when completed. Some of the children

will be continuing and consolidating their work on phonics in school, but all the children will receive copies of the Year 3 spelling booklets.

General Reminders

- The children will have PE lessons on Wednesdays. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit - school regulation colours - plain white t-shirt- no logos except if it is a school logo, blue or black shorts, preferably black or grey jogging bottoms for outdoor, black pumps and trainers in school and that all items are clearly labelled with you child's name.
- Any letters or reply slips which need to be returned can be put in your child's book bag. The children are encouraged to check their bags each morning and hand in things after the register.
- The children will need to remember to bring a water bottle each day. Your child will be able to access the bottle throughout the day. Please ensure the bottle is a standard size rather than a huge bottle as we have holders for each child, attached to the table leg, to ensure bottles are not rolling round the floor for health and safety of staff and children. Thank you.

Please don't hesitate to come and see Mrs Langan or Mrs Statham at the start of the term, or me when I return to work either before or after school if you have any questions or queries.

Miss Weall
Class Teacher