

When in Year 3 ...

The Year 3 Team of Mr Langlois (Teacher) and Mrs Gosden (Teaching Assistant) are really excited to be teaching your child in their first year of Key Stage 2. The expectations for Year 3 are significantly greater than in Year 2, and we enjoy seeing children mature in their organisation and confidence this year. Our topics are incredibly engaging, focusing wherever possible on our local area. We use narrative (stories) to create an immersive topic experience and we encourage all children to dive head first into whatever we are learning. We believe that communication between school and home is vital in giving your child the best possible education, suited to their individual needs. We are excited to work closely with you this year.

We encourage reading to be a fun and enjoyable experience and recommend reading with your child preferably daily, or as frequently as you can. At the beginning of Key Stage 2, your child will be enrolled onto the Accelerated programme. It involves a Star Reader Test every ½ term (to set the level of books your child can read) and regular Accelerated Reader Quizzes after they have completed a book (comprehension questions on the book they have read). However, it is still important for you to ask your child questions about the book they are reading, as this will help them in the quizzes they do in school. If you would like some support with the types of questions to ask, then please do not hesitate to see me. Please make sure that they bring their reading book and reading record to school every day.



By the end of Year 4, children should know all of their times tables off by heart, as they will take the statutory 'multiplication tables check' at the end of Year 4. Therefore, it is important that pupils know most of their times tables by the end of Year 3. We would encourage you to put aside some time for your child to practise their times tables in and out of order. Knowing their times tables will help them with many aspects of mathematics, including multiplication, division, measurement and problem-solving. As a school we have bought into the Time Table Rock Star scheme, where the children can practise in a variety of ways. This can be found at www.ttrockstars.com/login In addition to TT Rock Stars, all children have access to Mathletics, where they can complete activities linked with the Year 3 maths curriculum. This can be found at www.uk.mathletics.com/



All children have access to a range of different sports in Year 3, including invasion games, striking and fielding, dance, gymnastics and athletics. It is essential that your child brings in all of their PE kit for the lessons so that they can be fully involved with their learning, health and fitness. Please make sure that your child brings in a labelled t-shirt, pair of shorts and plimsolls or trainers, to every PE lesson in a labelled PE bag. All children should have PE kit in school at the beginning of every week, as PE lesson times can change and intra-school sports tournaments can happen too.

In Year 3, children are expected to read every day in order for them to progress with Accelerated Reader. In addition to this, they will receive 10 spellings (linked to the Year 3 curriculum) each week with an accompanying activity. These spellings are set on a Wednesday and then the children are tested on these on the following Wednesday. The children are also set Mathletics activities each week that are linked, wherever possible, to what they are learning in class.

We are so excited to journey through this first year of Key Stage 2 with your child and look forward to helping you wherever possible.