

Welcome to Year 3

The children have settled in well to their new year groups. The following information is designed to help you understand what happens in Year 3 and how to support your child.

Timings Year 3 should arrive in school **by 8:45am (doors open at 8:35am)**. If your child arrives after 8:45am, they will need to go to the office to sign in. The Year 3 children should be **collected at 3:05pm**. If for any reason you are unable to collect your child(ren) on time, please let the office know as soon as possible and your child will be taken to the office to be collected.

Staff

The classes and teachers in Year 3 are as follows:

Turtles: Mrs Coleman

Dolphins: Mrs Beal (Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday); Mrs Ship (Wednesday, Thursday, Friday).

Teaching assistants: Mrs Witt

Topics in Year 3:



Autumn term: - Stone Age



Spring Term: Study of a European country - Italy



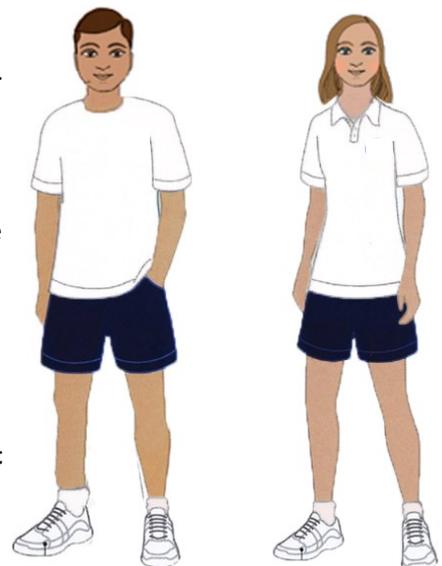
Summer Term - Southampton past and present.

PE/Outdoor Games

Outdoor PE is on a Monday afternoon. **Children need to have in school every Monday weather appropriate PE kit, including trainers.** We go out in most weathers. Children need to be warm enough over the winter and cool in the summer. Therefore, dark tracksuit bottoms (preferably black), plain white t-shirts and plain dark jumpers/tracksuit tops are required in the winter, while plain dark shorts and white t-shirts are needed in the warmer months.

Indoor PE is on a Wednesday afternoon. Children will need to wear a plain white t-shirt and plain dark shorts. Most indoor PE activities will be done barefoot but occasionally trainers or plim soles will need to be worn.

Please ensure your child has in school their correct kit on PE days. **All earrings must be removed or taped over for PE sessions. If your child has their ears pierced please ensure they can either remove them or provide micro-pore tape for them to be covered.** (This can be purchased in supermarkets and pharmacies.) If possible it would be appreciated if they could leave earrings at home on PE days.



Music:

In year 3, every child will learn to play the recorder in a weekly lesson on a Tuesday afternoon. The children will have their own recorder which will remain in school.



Reading books:

The children will bring books home to read. When finished these should be returned to school. When you hear your child read, please record this in their Reading Record so that we can gauge how much reading they are doing.



Homework:

All children in year 3 are expected to read **at least 3 times a week**. Please continue to read regularly with your child. In Year 3 it is still really important that the children are reading aloud to an adult.



They also need to learn their times tables so why not encourage your child to use their Times Tables Rockstars account? More details about this will follow.

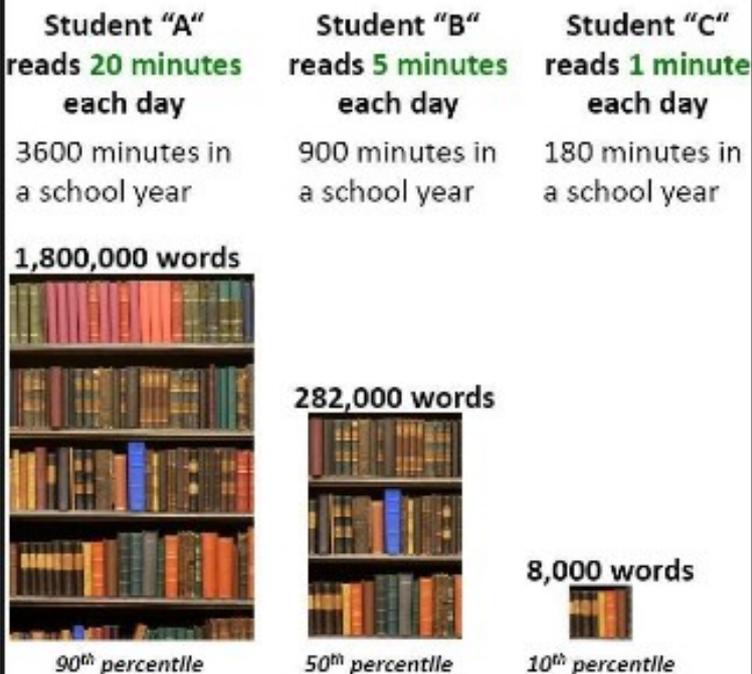
They will also have a weekly spelling lists to learn.

Each half term they will also be set a project based homework. These are (more details will follow):

- Autumn 1: Class animal
- Autumn 2: Stone Age
- Spring 1: Italy
- Spring 2: Volcanoes
- Summer 1: Southampton
- Summer 2: World War 2

More details about each of these will be sent home each half term.

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?



By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

[Nagy & Herman, 1987]

Trips & visitors

In order to support the children's learning about the Stone Age, we are planning an exciting trip to Stonehenge. More details will follow once the plans have been finalised.

We are also hoping to take Year 3 to the church for a Christingle service in December. Before the visit, they will learn about the meaning of the Christingle orange by making one. They will also learn songs to sing and some children will be chosen to do readings to retell the Christmas Story. If we are able to run this event, more details will be sent after half term. We are also hoping to continue to work with DP World as part of our learning about the importance of the docks in Southampton during the summer term.



Any questions?

If you have any questions or queries, we are always available on the door at the end of the day. Alternatively, you can send in a note to for us to read or an email to info@tannersbrookpri.org.uk