

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 at **8:55am**. Please try not to arrive too early so we can let the Year 6 children in through the door before the Year 3 children arrive. The Year 3 children should be **collected at 3:10pm**. Again, please try not to arrive too early to collect your child as the year 6 children will be coming out and too many parents can make the playground crowded and make social distancing difficult.

Staff

The classes and teachers in Year 3 are as follows:

Turtles: Miss Parker (Phase leader) and Mrs Coleman

Orcas: Mr Marshall

Teaching assistants:

Mrs Adams and Mrs Bovell

Topics in Year 3:



Autumn term: - Stone Age



Spring Term: Study of a European country - Italy



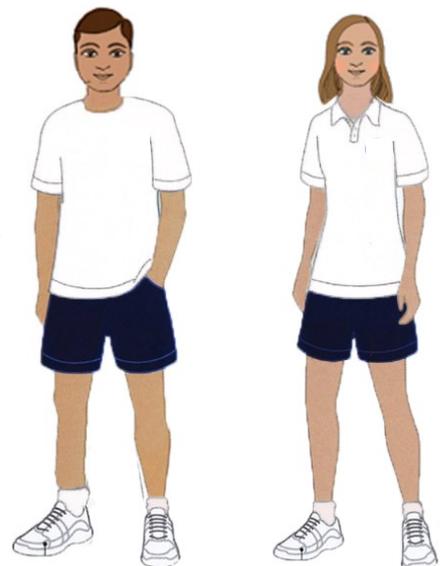
Summer Term - Southampton past and present.

PE/Outdoor Games

Outdoor PE is on a Monday afternoon. **Children need to come into school every Monday in 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.

We are unable to complete indoor PE due to the current situation. If we are able to start this again later in the year, our indoor PE day would be a Thursday.

Please ensure your child is wearing 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 usually learns to play the recorder. We are waiting to see whether these lessons will resume this year. If they do, we will have weekly lessons. 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. Books which have been home will be quarantined for at least 72 hours before another child can choose the book.



Homework:

All children in year 3 are expected to read **at least 3 times a week**. Unfortunately we can't send reading diaries home at this point but the children will be encouraged to record their home reading the next day in class. 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 and their weekly spelling lists.

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

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

Student "A"
reads **20 minutes**
each day

3600 minutes in
a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

Student "B"
reads **5 minutes**
each day

900 minutes in
a school year

282,000 words



50th percentile

Student "C"
reads **1 minute**
each day

180 minutes in
a school year

8,000 words



10th percentile

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

With the current Covid-19 situation, we are unable to book any trips or visitors at this time. We will continue to review this situation as the year progresses.

If we are able to, Year 3 should go 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, but again this will depend on the current advice and guidelines.



TBPS Friends

Our school friends committee is looking for more volunteers to help them organise and run fundraising events. If you are able to help, please contact the office who will advise you of the time and date of the next meeting.

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.