

Year 3 - Autumn term 2023

Welcome to Year 3.

It was certainly not the start of the year we had expected, however the children had a great time at BT!

We are pleased to be back at school and are settling into daily routines.

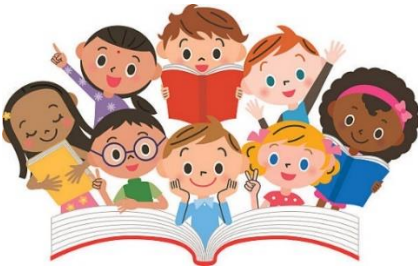
Our 'Meet the Teacher' afternoon is on Wednesday 27th September. We look forward to seeing many of you there.

Reading

All children have now received a reading book appropriate for their reading ability. Please can reading books and reading diaries be in school every day. Children will also have a library book, where they are able to select a book of their choice to read in addition.

Reading is a fundamental part of your child's learning, and we would very much appreciate you reading with your child at home as much as possible. This should be recorded in their reading diary and commented on by an adult. These will be monitored weekly by the class teacher.

When your child has finished their ZPD book, they will take a quiz before choosing a new book. This can be done at school or on the following website <https://global-zone61.renaissance-go.com/welcomeportal/2048880> (This can also be found on the school website) Scores from the children's quizzing, will be closely monitored and ZPD ranges will be adjusted accordingly.



Behaviour

Please could you continue to encourage your child make positive choices throughout their school day, both in the classroom and on the playground.

Children are encouraged to follow our school rules at all times:



Be ready
Be respectful
Be safe



Children will be rewarded dojos for following the school rules. Once they have achieved 100 dojo points children will receive their bronze award!

Homework

Each half term, your child will be set a 'bingo board' style homework. This will involve a selection of activities linked to a range of learning for the term.

Children should select one activity to complete a week and hand these in on Monday mornings to their class teacher.

We look forward to seeing the learning you complete at home!

Appropriate clothing

Please can you ensure your child is coming to school appropriately dressed, including having a coat for break times when cold. Could you also please ensure that your child is bringing a drink bottle into school daily!

P.E. and Games

Indoor PE will take place for all classes on Thursday mornings, on a carousel basis. 3F and 3C will have their outdoor PE on Mondays, whilst 3SH will have theirs on a Friday.

Please ensure your child has a named P.E. kit on these days and some warm kit and sturdy footwear for outside. We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days. If earrings do need to be worn, then the children need to bring in tape to cover them.



English

Throughout the term, we will continue to extend the children's knowledge and enjoyment of a range of genres including;

- Poetry based on the theme of emotions
- First person narrative
- Non-chronological reports linked to our rocks and soils science learning
- Formal letters to complain
- Speech in a historical story about the Stone Age
- Performance poetry

During our whole class reading sessions, the children are currently enjoying the following texts:

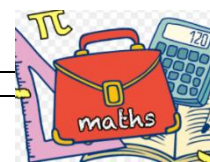
- 3C - The Lost Species
- 3F - Old Possum's Book of Practical Cats
- 3SH - Sheep Pig



Maths

Whilst building on prior knowledge from the Year 2, this term the children will also learn:

- Unit 1 - Place value within 1000
- Unit 2 - Addition and subtraction
- Unit 3 - Addition and subtraction
- Unit 4 - Multiplication and division
- Unit 5 - Multiplication and division



Times Tables

In year 3, there is a focus on times tables in preparation for year 4. Over the upcoming weeks, children will be given log in details to times table rockstars.

Children can also practice their tables on MathsFrame on the following link

<https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

Please encourage your child to practice little and often.

History

On Thursday 5th October, we are looking forward to a fantastic Stone Age day, where we will enter a Stone Age tent and be immersed in Pre-historic life. This promises to be an experience they will never forget.



Spelling

This year, children will have regular spelling lessons in school where they will learn and practise spellings in a range of ways.

In line with current research, children will no longer be sent home weekly spelling lists to learn and be tested on.

Please encourage your child to spell key words correctly in any homework they may complete.

Foundation subjects

This term during their science lessons the children will be learning about rocks and soils. After half term, we will be learning about forces and magnets.

Throughout this term, our PSHE lessons will cover the units 'Being Me in my World' and 'Celebrating Differences'.

After half term, in our geography lessons the children will begin a new topic called 'Mediterranean'.

Children are excited to begin learning French where they will begin by learning to greet someone, introduce themselves and ask someone's name.

For more information on your child's learning, please find the 'curriculum on a page document' on the school website.

