



Welcome to Year 3

We would like to warmly welcome you all to Year 3!

The children have settled in brilliantly to the junior school routines and we have been very impressed with how calmly and sensibly they are listening to instructions and following new procedures. It has been lovely to start to get to know everyone and we look forward to sharing our exciting learning journey with you. The Year 3 teachers are:

3J – Miss Jones

3IW – Mrs Iszatt and Mrs Watson

Contact us via the school office and we will get back to you as soon as possible.

Spellings

Below are the Year 1 and Year 2 common exception word lists. By the start of Year 3, all children are expected to be able to spell (and read) these words. To help your child feel more confident, please practise reading and writing these words at home as often as possible.

Separate spelling lists (which will include the Year 3 Common Exception words) will be sent home on Fridays in **small, red spelling books**, starting Friday 11th September. The children will be tested on these the following Friday. Please make sure your child has their spelling book each Friday and practise these spellings at home as often as possible. Your child can also practise their spellings on Spelling Shed which is updated weekly by the class teacher. Find password/login in your child's Homework book.

Year 1 and 2 Common Exception Words

Year 1

the	they	one
a	be	once
do	he	ask
to	me	friend
today	she	school
of	we	put
said	no	push
says	go	pull
are	so	full
were	by	house
was	my	our
is	here	
his	there	
has	where	
I	love	
you	come	
your	some	

Year 2

door	gold	plant	clothes
floor	hold	path	busy
poor	told	bath	people
because	every	hour	water
find	great	move	again
kind	break	prove	half
mind	steak	improve	money
behind	pretty	sure	Mr
child	beautiful	sugar	Mrs
children	after	eye	parents
wild	fast	could	Christmas
climb	last	should	everybody
most	past	would	even
only	father	who	
both	class	whole	
old	grass	any	
cold	pass	many	

Times Tables

- In Year 3, we start to formally learn times tables. Children need to recall times tables confidently, and in any order, to be able to apply them in calculations and when problem solving.
- The National expectation is that children can recall all multiplication facts up to 12 x 12
- They will complete a National test in Year 4.
- Your child will be given a **times table card** to bring home. Please practise the specified times table as regularly as possible to ensure they can recall them quickly and in any order.
- When they are confident, send the card back to school so the class teacher can check.
- House points will be given for correct and quick recall and the child will then be moved onto the next times table.
- Once the whole card is completed, your child will receive a certificate in celebration assembly and they can then move onto a division challenge.
- Some children find this hard to begin with but don't worry and keep trying little and often – we all get there in the end!
- Later in the year, as children become more confident, we will use an online programme called Times Tables Rockstars to help further practise.



How you can help at home

- ✓ Read as often as you can. This will have the biggest impact on your child's learning. Please read the guidance note in your child's Reading Record.
- ✓ Practise your child's new spellings with them. Once they can spell the word encourage them to use it in a sentence.
- ✓ Support your child in completing their home learning each week.
- ✓ Help your child learn their times tables. Quick recall will help them in their maths work.



Reminders:

- PLEASE make sure all your child's belongings (especially jumpers, coats, bags, lunchboxes) are **clearly labelled** with their name.
- No jewellery should be worn at school. Only small stud ear-rings but leave at home on PE days.
- Make sure your child has a suitable coat – we still go outside when it is cold and wet!
- Year 3 have PE on **Mondays** (outdoor) and **Fridays** (indoor). At the moment children are not allowed to bring in PE kits but are allowed to wear trainers to school. Please ensure your child is wearing suitable clothing for these active sessions.
- Items from home such as toys and pencil cases should not be brought into school.
- **Home learning will be given every Friday**, starting Friday 11th September. It is due in the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks will generally review what has been learnt in maths and/or English that week. Please check your child's homework book - see if they can explain their learning. Creative homework which is linked to foundation subjects will be given occasionally.