

Welcome to Year 3

We wish your child every success for the coming year; here is some information to make the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 as smooth as possible.

The Year 3 team consists of:

Copper Beech teacher: Mrs Jules Ashmore (Mrs Dawn Smith will cover on a Friday.)

Silver Birch teachers: Mrs Sandra Garden and Mrs Anna Bland

Poplar teachers: Mrs Carol Whelan and Mrs Liz Martin

PPA: Mrs Sandra Garden, Mrs Anna Bland, Mrs Carol Whelan, Mrs Liz Martin and Mrs Webster (generally on Wednesday afternoons)

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Karina Michta, Mrs Di Webster and Mrs Elena Clare

We are encouraging the children to become more independent and access independent learning activities on a daily basis, to support their learning. Within each topic they will be involved in a variety of research tasks which can be supported at home too. Please encourage your child to bring in information from the Internet and books to support these topics.

Our topics are:

Autumn Term: Skull and Crossbones!

Spring Term: Footprints in the past!

Summer Term: An African Adventure!

Our topic work is cross-curricular and mainly stems from quality texts.

Keeping in contact:

We welcome an open door policy in Year 3, so if you have a quick query please come and see us, However, if you need to discuss a matter, please make an appointment as we are often committed to other meetings before and after school.

Homework, Challenges and Home/School Diaries:

At the beginning of each half term your child will bring home a Homework and Challenges grid, this will include the following:

Mathematics - A Mathematics activity will be sent home most Thursdays and will be expected to be handed in on a Tuesday. **If appropriate, please encourage your child to write their calculations and answers in their Mathematics Homework book and not on the sheet.**

Spelling rules - Please encourage your child to learn the spellings each week. These need to be written in their yellow Spelling book and handed in each Tuesday. Children will be encouraged to use these words in activities within the class and will be tested on a Thursday or Friday.

Challenges - There will be a number of challenges displayed which relate to our termly topic, please encourage your child to choose and complete at least 2 of these during each half term. This challenge work can be brought into school (or photographed at home and the photo brought in) whenever your child has completed each task. The children's work will be celebrated in class and then stored in a homework folder, which will be kept in school. Please encourage your children to complete these challenges as independently as they can with guidance when required. These challenges may stay the same during the second half of the term.

Each child will continue to have a home/school diary to record when they read at home. Please ensure your child brings this to school every day. These will be checked every Tuesday, however if you would like a comment from you to be read that day then please encourage you child to hand us their diary.

Your child will bring home a library book/a class reading book to read to/with you and discuss. We will be encouraging children to change their own reading book when ever necessary.

Please ensure Home/School diaries are handed in on Tuesdays with their Mathematics and Spelling Homework books.

FRENCH:

We will be teaching French in KS2. Children will be introduced to this throughout the year as we start to build this programme.

COMPUTING:

Computing will be taught in the Computer Suite on a timetable basis. Opportunities will be given to use laptops and iPads in the classroom.

PE:

Your child needs to have a white t-shirt, shorts and a pair of trainers for PE. We also advise providing a tracksuit for outside PE. Please put all kit in a named bag and label each item. Please can we remind you that no jewellery should be worn, including earrings. Also, can your child please leave their PE kit in school all week.

House colour T-shirts can be worn for House competitions and Sports Day.

In the summer term, children will have swimming lessons at the Dolphin Leisure Centre.

Times Table Challenge:

We will continue with times table challenge and this will take place once a week. We encourage children to practise using Times Tables Rock stars at home. Your child will have a password for this and will be put in the home/school diary to remind you.

Rucksack and pencil cases:

We encourage your child to bring in a rucksack so they can keep their own personal belongings safe. They are allowed to bring pencil cases to school but they are generally used in the afternoons. At other times, children are encouraged to use school equipment.

Spencer, Bonnie and Barnaby.

This year we have a class pet of the cuddly variety named Spencer (Copper Beech), Bonnie (Silver Birch) and Barnaby (Poplar). Every Friday we will choose a child to take home our pet and to write a diary entry about their weekend adventure from the pet's point of view. Please encourage your child to write the diary entry and to take photos or draw illustrations to accompany their writing.

Rewards:

Your child has the opportunity to collect stickers, house points, certificates and Star of the day / week rewards. Please encourage your child to talk about why they have been given one of these rewards, to support the celebration of their achievements. Please look out for our school values as part of the children's rewards.

Show and Tell:

Show and tell is on a Friday. Children will have the opportunity to participate on a Friday on a rota basis. We always encourage children to bring in topic related books or items.

Snack Time:

We are encouraging children to bring in a healthy snack which they can eat during the morning session.

Mathematics and Science Websites:

Just a reminder about the Mathematics websites that we have subscribed to as a school, which your child can access at home:

www.mymaths.co.uk

USERNAME: lindfieldps

PASSWORD: nine

www.supermathsworld.com and www.superscienceworld.com

USER NAME: 1010lpa

Please feel free to come in and ask if you have any questions.

We look forward to working with you all this year.

The Year 3 Team

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