

# Hi!

# Welcome to Year 3

Welcome back to Abbey Gates, welcome to Year 3 and welcome from Mr Harrison and Mrs Commins. We have lots of exciting things going on this term and cannot wait to see what your children will achieve.



Children in Year 3 are increasingly encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. It is all about growing their independence in preparation for things to come. Year 3 children are on an incredible journey through the school and I already know this class will do Abbey Gates proud - demonstrating the school's 5Cs: **Care** **Compassion** **Courtesy** **Cooperation** and **Confidence**.

## BIG Question

In Year 3, this autumn term, we will be starting with our Discover Project and focusing on History through our Big Question: 'In the past, did people just survive or thrive?' This project will focus on three historical periods - The Stone, Bronze and Iron age: with the children developing an understanding of how our earliest ancestors learned to survive and how developments occurred throughout the ages leaving a lasting impact on today's society. We will explore these historical periods through the lens of an archaeologist identifying primary and secondary sources and how this helps us understand the developments that occurred during the earliest civilisations such as the developments of agriculture in the Neolithic age to the advancements of materials, settlements, trade and even tribes. Along with this we will explore the Ancient Greeks and how many of their developments still impact modern society.

## Curriculum Focus

**English Writing genres:** Narrative (Diary/Character Description), Instructions, Newspaper Report, and Question and Answer Poetry.

**English Reading:** Stone Age Boy

**Mathematics:** Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplications and Division.

**PE:** Gymnastics and Basketball

**RE:** What difference does it make to be a Christian?

**Science:** Forces(Aut1). Animals, including humans - nutrition(Aut2).

**D&T:** Textiles - Cushions

**Computing:** Creating media - Touch Typing



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## PE

Year 3 will take part in PE on a Monday and Thursday afternoon with Mr Martin. Please could all children come to school in their PE kit on these days. It's also helpful if children do not bring earrings in on these days.



## Year 3, Autumn Diary Dates

Wednesday 8<sup>th</sup> September  
*Year 3 Parent Information Meeting at 4pm*



## Drinks



We encourage children to drink water regularly throughout the day. Please ensure that your child's drink bottle is clearly labelled.

## How can you support your children at home?

- **Reading:** There is an expectation in Year 3 that children read every night as reading is the foundation for all other learning to take place. To support your child, please make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the school website to strengthen their understanding of what they are reading.
- **Maths:** Practise times table on times table rockstars in preparation for the Year 4 MTC check. <https://ttrockstars.com/>
- **Spellings:** Learn the weekly 10 spellings, ready for being tested the following Tuesday.
- **Sticky Questions:** These questions encourage discussion. The Year 3 children will be given a different question each week and we will discuss them in class on Friday. Please take some time to discuss these each week.

## Enrichment

In order to provide a range of enrichment activities, we would greatly appreciate donations to our school enrichment fund. We ask for a voluntary donation of £2 per term (or £6 for the year). Please make the donation via the school gateway. We thank you in advance for your support.



We will continue to regularly update our class pages with relevant information and updates regarding the amazing learning that will be taking place. As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a meeting after school.

Yours sincerely  
*Mr Harrison and Mrs Commins*