

Hi!



Welcome to Year 3

Welcome back! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are as excited as we are about the start of a brand new school year and a brand new key stage! The children have all returned with such positive attitudes and, of course, with smiles on their faces. Year 3 is an exciting time as the children embark on the start of their journey through Key Stage 2 and we are excited about what they will all achieve.

Children in Year 3 are increasingly encouraged to take responsibility for their own learning. It is about encouraging independence in preparation for bigger things to come. Year 3 children are the on an incredible journey through the school and I 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 of '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 what 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 Areas

English: A range of inspiring texts will be used to support our DISCOVER project this term. For our writing projects, we be exploring the texts Stone Age Boy and How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth!

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

PE: Gymnastics, Hockey, Dance and Basketball

RE: Inspirational Leaders

Science: Forces, Animals, including humans – nutrition

D&T: Textiles: Sewing

French: French Greetings

Computing: Creating media – Touch Typing

Music: Writing Music Down

Art: Prehistoric Painting



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PE

Year 3 will take part in PE on a Weds afternoon and Fri morning with Mr Martin. All children should come to school in their PE uniform on these days. It's also helpful if children do not bring earrings in on these days.

TUCK SHOP

A range of snacks are available from our tuck shop on Friday mornings for children in KS2 (Years 3 to 6). Children will need to bring in the exact change and hand this to the teacher in the morning so that the kitchen know how much to prepare and they can make sure there is no food waste.

Pizza muffin / crumpet / gingerbread man – 50p

Fruit bag / frube – 40p

Children can order a maximum of two items per week.

HOME TIME

At the end of the day, please do give us a wave when your child is ready to be handed over! Please also remember to let us know if you have made any different arrangements for your child to be collected (e.g. a different parent or after-school club). In order to ensure the children's safety, we will not let children leave unless we have been notified by parents beforehand. You can do this by emailing or calling the school office or by letting us know at the start of the school day.

How can you support your children at home?

- **Reading:** There is still 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:** Each term, we will share some examples of words that you could use to support your children at home. These are not to be learnt for a spelling test as such, but to embed our learning in class. Please encourage your children to practise these words at home. If they need an extra challenge, they could practise writing them in a sentence or hunt for other words with the same spelling rule – they could even set up their own spelling journal to use at home!
- **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 Tuesdays. Please take some time to discuss these each week.

Enrichment

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

Keep an eye on our facebook page to see 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 meeting after school.

Yours sincerely,
Miss Taylor