

Welcome to Team 3!

Dear Parents and Carers,

A very warm welcome to Team 3!

I am delighted to be teaching your children this year as they take their exciting first steps into Key Stage 2. This will be my first year in Team 3, and I am really looking forward to helping the children grow in confidence, develop their independence and enjoy all the wonderful learning opportunities ahead of them.

My PPA time will be on **Wednesday mornings**, when the children will be taught by **Mrs Caroe** for Art and Design Technology.

A Little About Us...

Many of the children will already know me from around school, assemblies and school events. Outside of school, I enjoy playing football, running and walking my dog.

Miss Clift joined the Horn's Mill family three years ago and is a valued member of our support staff team. **Mr F** has worked at Horn's Mill for over ten years and has spent several years supporting children in Team 3.

Please feel free to speak to us if you have any questions, concerns or information you would like to share. We are always happy to help.

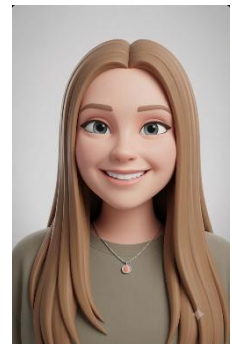
Mr Kershaw - Class Teacher



Mr F - Teaching Assistant



Miss Clift - Teaching Assistant



A Typical Day in Team 3

Time	Activity
8:30 - 8:50am	Morning challenges and register
8:55am	Reading and Spelling or Ready Steady Read and Spelling (depending on learning needs)
9:50am	Snack
10:00am	English
11:05am	Break
11:20am	Maths
12:20pm	Lunch
1:15pm	Register, Happy Breathing and class read
1:20pm	Handwriting, DEAR Time and foundation subjects (Science, PE, French, Music, Computing, RE, MyHappyMind, PSHE, Circle Time, History, Geography, Art and DT)
3:10pm	Tidy up
3:15pm	Home time

PE

Our PE day will be **Wednesday**.

As children move into KS2, they should **come to school wearing their PE kit** every Wednesday. Children should wear:

- Black PE shorts or black jogging bottoms
- A school PE top or plain white T-shirt
- Trainers
- Their usual school jumper or cardigan if required

Expectations for Home Learning

Reading plays a vital role in children's progress across the curriculum. We therefore ask that children:

- Read for **10 minutes, five times each week**
- Record their reading in their reading record
- Re-read books to build fluency and understanding

Please write in your child's reading record when they have finished their book after reading it twice.

Children will complete the national **Multiplication Tables Check** in Year 4. To help prepare for this and develop confidence with their times tables, all children will receive a **TT Rock Stars** login. Login details will be sent home next week.

Reading records and colour-banded reading books should be brought into school every day. Books will be changed regularly. Once a reading record is full, we kindly ask that your child brings a small notebook to continue recording their reading.

A home learning grid will be sent home each half-term and will also be available on our class page on the school website. This will include spelling and maths activities, alongside suggested reading and practical tasks linked to our learning.

Exciting Things Ahead...

We have a fantastic year of learning planned for Team 3. Highlights include:

- Our annual **Christmas Enterprise Project**, where children will run their own Christmas Market stalls
- Exploring the fascinating world of the **Stone Age**
- Discovering the achievements and inventions of the **Ancient Egyptians**
- Engaging workshops, practical activities and memorable learning experiences throughout the year

To find out more about our curriculum, please visit our class page on the school website.

Once again, please do not hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns. We are always here to support you and your child.

You can contact me via email at I.kershaw@hornsmill.cheshire.sch.uk.

We are looking forward to a fantastic year together in Team 3!

Kind regards,

Mr Kershaw, Mr F and Miss Clift