

How can you support your child?

The most important way you can support your child is to read with them and to them. Ten minutes reading a night makes a significant impact on a child's academic attainment. Even children who are competent, fluent readers need to read out loud as often as possible to help them with new words or tricky pronunciations.

Please write in your child's diary so that I can see how often your child is reading with at home with you.



Each week we send a homework task via Class Dojo on a Thursday and this should be completed by the following Tuesday.

Don't forget that your child needs in school:

- A pair of wellies / trainers
- Waterproof trousers are useful for the wet days

They should bring to school each day:

- A coat
- Their reading diary
- Their reading book
- A water bottle

Please try to keep bags as small as possible due to very limited space in the cloakrooms.

Please name everything! We find so much uniform left around school and if it isn't named, it will be stored in our lost property in the front entrance.

Please make sure your child is wearing the correct school uniform. It is listed on our website. Children should also wear black shoes.

Our PE day will be a Tuesday. Please send your child in their PE kit on this day.

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Year 3VA

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BEXTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

Parent Information Booklet

The School Day

The Year 3 door will open at 8.40am and we like children to arrive as close to this time as possible, as we use the time before register to practice some key maths skills.

At **8.50am** we will begin our morning lessons and at **10.40am** it is break time. We can have a drink and a snack. Please only send healthy snacks. No chocolate, crisps or nuts (as we have children with serious allergies to nuts in school).

At **12.30pm** we go to the dinner hall for our lunch. If you would like your child to have a school dinner then these are paid for through Scopay (currently £2.50). The children can choose from three options (see the menu on our website) and all dietary requirements are catered for. You are welcome to send a packed lunch instead.

After eating the children go outside and enjoy the OPAL equipment. We aim to give the children full access to the play areas all year round, so on muddy days the children can wear waterproof trousers to protect their uniform.

At **1.30pm** it is time for us to go back in for our afternoon lessons, until the end of the school day at **3.20pm**.



Curriculum

In Year 3 your child will be starting to read some chapter books. As your child becomes more fluent and independent, it is still very important to listen to them read often. In reading they will learn to:

- Usually read fluently, decoding longer words, testing out different pronunciations
- Read with an awareness of an audience, e.g. changes of intonation and pace
- Read books that are structured in different ways for a range of purposes and discuss them with others
- Understand what they read, predict what might happen and infer character's feelings

Learning in history, geography and science also supports your child's reading development. Some of the topics in these subjects are:

Science: Rocks & fossils, forces & magnets, light, plants and animals

Geography: Land use in Skara Brae, UK & Italy comparison, extreme earth & rainforests

History: Stone Age to Iron Age, The Romans, Explorers from the past

Parents can support their child by also reading some non-fiction books about topics that interest your child.

Please see our curriculum page on our website for lots more information.

We will be doing our PE lessons on a Tuesday. Mrs Ledwith will cover my PPA every other Tuesday.



Communication

It is vital that parents read communications sent from school. We will communicate by:



- Sending a weekly newsletter with important dates and events clearly listed.
- Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are used to share what the children have been doing in school. Homework is posted on your child's Class Dojo page.
- The website has a lot of information which is useful to parents. Newsletters are posted there each Monday and all our curriculum information is held there too.
- We try to keep emails to a minimum but these will come via Scopay (as do the newsletters). If you don't receive communications please check your preferences within your account (the school cannot do this for you)
- Parents Evenings are run twice a year and these are an important way of finding out how your child is doing academically and socially within school. We offer virtual sessions and if your child has a SEND support plan or an EHC, a face to face appointment.
- There will be other events which enable you to come into school and find out what your child has been doing. Please keep an eye on the weekly newsletter for these.