

Welcome Meeting

Year 3



Welcome to Year 3!

We are looking forward to working with your children this year. To help your child settle into Year 3, we thought that it might be helpful for you to have the following information.

Year 3 Team

Teachers

- Miss Baker (River Adda)
- Miss Barwick (River Conwy)
- Mrs Raistrick & Mrs Coleman (River Severn)
(Mon-Wed) (Wed-Fri)



Other Staff



Year 3 Teaching Assistants

- Mrs Thamali
 - Mrs Devine
 - Miss Smialek
 - Miss Anderson
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- Miss Anderson (teaching)
 - Mr Cosford & Mrs Williams (additional staff for swimming)

Topics

- Autumn 1: Place Knowledge: Winsford and Holyhead

Skills & Fieldwork: Human and Physical Features (**Geography**)

- Autumn 2: Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age (**History**)

- Spring 1: Place Knowledge: Cheshire

Skills & fieldwork: OS Maps and Grid References (**Geography**)

- Spring 2: The Roman Empire and its impact on Britain (**History**)
- Summer 1: Place Knowledge: Europe (Italy)

Skills & Fieldwork: Maps and atlases (**Geography**)

- Summer 2: The achievements of the earliest civilizations – Ancient Egypt (**History**)



Daily Routine

- Mornings – shared reading, maths, English and spelling

- Afternoons – Humanities and the Arts

Science

Art and D&T

Computing

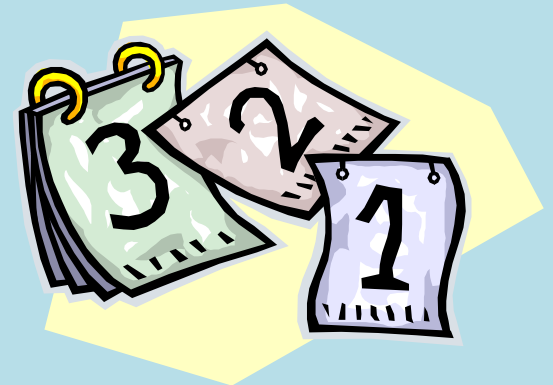
Music

History and Geography (Topic)

PE (Games, Gym, Dance, Swimming)

RE and PSHE

French



Behaviour

- Positive Behaviour Policy

- Be Ready

- Be Respectful

- Be Safe

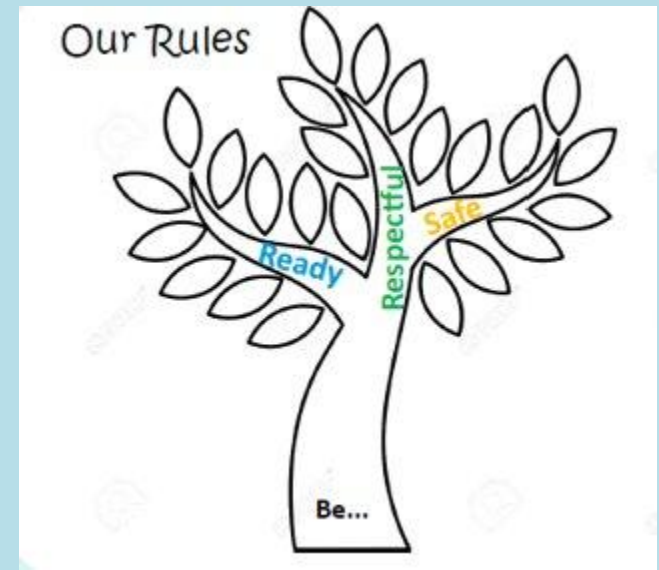
- Dojo Points → Class Dojo

- Reward Time

- High Street Heroes (weekly)

- VIP of the Day – wrist band (daily)

- Negative Behaviour → Consequences



Uniform

- Black shoes (guidance on website)
- School tie
- Waterproof coat
- Stud earrings only (remove/cover for PE)
(Remove completely for swimming)
- No other jewellery/nail varnish
- Long hair tied back (small hair accessories)

* Please put name tags/labels on all items



PE

- PE – please leave PE kit in school
 - Tuesdays: Swimming (Autumn Term)
 - Wednesdays: Outdoor PE
 - Indoor PE (Spring and Summer)
- Team t-shirt & shorts, pumps or trainers – tracksuit bottoms for outdoor PE in winter
 - All PE kit items need to be named
 - Remove earrings/cover with plasters (children must do this themselves)



Snack & Lunch

- Health Eating School
- Healthy snacks for morning playtime (optional)
- Lunch boxes and drink for packed lunch
- Water bottles – water only

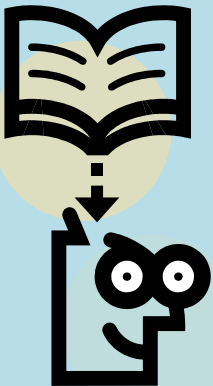
* Please make sure that all lunch boxes and water bottles are clearly named as children often have the same/similar items.

- Pupil Premium – Free School Meals
– Trips reduced cost



Reading

- 10 minutes per night at home
 - can be any type of text
- Reading and discussing the text
 - questioning: helps to develop understanding
 - focus on comprehension
- New reading diaries → adult comments
 - any adult can write in the diary
- Reading books can be changed throughout the week, but prompted on Mon/Fri



Reading Plus

- Online reading program

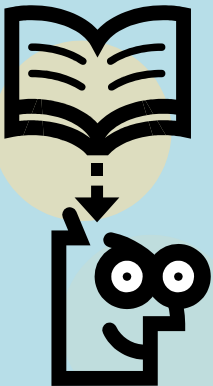


- Builds up reading speed and fluency
- helps to develop understanding
- questions for comprehension

- Reading and vocabulary tasks each week

- time in school to complete 2/3 reads
- can be used at home as part of daily reading

- Reading Stars – Reading Diaries & Reading Plus



Homework

- Homework choice grid – 9 activities
 - cover a range of subjects
 - choose and complete at least 1 activity a week
- Some online activities
 - Numbots, TTRS, Spelling Shed, Reading Plus
- Some paper based tasks
 - Must be completed in pencil
- At the end of each half term, hand in book.



Responsibility

- Increase children's own responsibility
- Look after themselves and own belongings
 - Remember their reading book & diary every day
 - Remember to change reading book regularly
 - Look after their uniform (jumper/tie) and coat
 - Look after their P.E. kit
 - Hand in homework on time



Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

- From the start of the 2026/27 academic year (September 2026):
 - ✓ All children in households receiving Universal Credit will become eligible for Free School Meals. (Expanded Free School Meals)
 - ✓ The current earnings threshold (approximately £7,400 per year) will remain for additional benefits such as Pupil Premium eligibility. (Targeted Free School Meals)
 - ✓ This is a significant expansion and is expected to make many more families eligible!

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

- What this means for your child...

Cheshire West and Chester Council has confirmed that:

✓ From September 2026, any family receiving Universal Credit will be entitled to apply for FSM.

✓ Please note, families must apply through the council - entitlement is not automatic.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

- Why it is important to apply?

Applying for FSM is important because:

- ✓ Your child will receive a free, nutritious meal each day at school
- ✓ You could save around £450–£500 per child each year on lunches
- ✓ The school receives additional funding (Pupil Premium) for some eligible pupils, helping to provide extra support and opportunities.
- ✓ Even if your child is in Reception, Year 1 or Year 2 and already receives a universal free meal, registering for FSM remains essential if you are eligible.

Pupil Premium and Free School Meals

- What you need to do...
 - ✓ Apply for FSM if you are currently receiving Universal Credit, you do not need to reapply if have previously been eligible.
- You can apply via Cheshire West and Chester Council:
Online: <https://www.cheshirewestandchester.gov.uk/residents/education-and-learning/free-school-meals>

Communication



- Main communication – Class Dojo
 - Posts on 'class story' and messages on 'chat'
- Email: year3@highstreet.cheshire.sch.uk
 - Checked Mon-Fri (8.30am-5.00pm)
- Website and Facebook

*Please update the office if your phone number or email address changes



Thank you!



- If you have any concerns or questions, please contact us.
- Miss Baker, Miss Barwick, Mrs Raistrick, Mrs Coleman