



Welcome to Year 3

A huge warm welcome to all our children to the new school year and to the juniors. The Year 3 team is Mrs Burke, Miss Taylor, Mrs Delil, Miss McConville and Mrs Hasan. If you have any queries or concerns, big or small, please send me a message on dojo and I can make you an appointment to come in and see me, if needed. You can also leave a message at the school office if you would like me to ring you back. We will use class dojo to share our success and things we are doing in the classroom. I will also share information on our class story. As the term progresses, I will share children's work when they are particularly proud of it with parents on the messages. School communications will be on the school website and also class dojo. Please check these regularly for information. Most letters won't be sent home on paper. Many thanks for all your support,
Emily Burke

What is new in the juniors?

- Children will now come in through the juniors door at the back of the school. They will be collected from outside the Year 3 classroom. Please be patient as I will let the children go one by one as I see their parent or carer. The children will not be allowed to go until I have told them to ensure every child is handed over safely.
- Children will now have a locker to put their coats and bags in during the day.
- Children will now use the junior toilets. Children will be encouraged to use the toilets during break times. If your child has any toileting needs, please let me know.
- Children are no longer provided with fruit at playtime. They can bring in a healthy nut-free snack such as fruit, a cereal bar, rice cakes or yoghurt. Please do not send crisps or chocolate bars.

Exciting things happening in the first term

We have a whole school trip to Thornbridge Hall near Bakewell in September paid for by the Thornbridge4everyone foundation. We had a great day there two years ago and the children will be doing some geography fieldwork whilst enjoying the fabulous gardens.



There will also be our annual harvest festival at All Hallows' Church.

What will we be learning in the first Autumn half term?

In **English**, we will be writing narratives for fiction writing and instructions for non-fiction writing in the first half term.

In **Maths**, we will be looking at numbers and place value up to 1000, before moving on to addition and subtraction with 3-digit numbers. We will be learning our multiplication tables and practising them daily.

Our **Learning Challenge Curriculum** questions will be:

"Who let the Gods out?" We will be doing a historical investigation into the Ancient Egyptians.

"Why is Micky Mouse so important?" Children will be looking at the history of animation with Miss Taylor.

In **French**, we will be practising listening and responding, speaking, writing and reading and responding in French. We will focus on greetings and introducing ourselves.

PSHE will focus on health and wellbeing.

RE will explore why festivals are important in religious communities.

We will be having music lessons with Stockport Music Service for **Music** and all children will learn to play an instrument.

Reading books and homework

It is really important that children are reading from a variety of sources this year as well as continuing to read regularly out loud with an adult at home. They will also have a reading book that is suitable for their reading level and understanding to read at home. They can also read their own books or borrow books from the school library (these must be returned!). Please record their home reading in the reading record. Children will earn dojos and stickers for reading at home and remembering their reading book. Children will have a library session once a week.

They must bring their reading book and reading record into school every day.

They will start taking more responsibility for changing their books and can change their reading book at the start of the day when needed.

In addition to reading at home, it is important for children to learn and practise their times tables. They are lucky to be able to access a great game called Times Tables Rock Stars. The children have a log-in to access this on an app on a tablet or smartphone or online. A couple of games a night for 5 minutes will help them improve. We will have weekly spellings. A few minutes practising them every evening really can make a big difference.

There will be a half termly project alongside their learning challenge. If you need any resources or help with this, please just ask!

PE

PE will be on **Mondays** and **Thursdays**. The class will have a PE lesson with Sports Coaches on Monday afternoons. We will be doing gymnastics or dance on Thursdays.

PE kits will be provided and washed by the school but children will need to bring in suitable trainers or pumps. Please make sure these fit your children every half term. Spare socks are also very useful if your child wears tights in the winter. If you would prefer to send your child with a kit, please make sure it is a plain white t-shirt, shorts, jogging bottoms and sweatshirt. Long hair must be tied back and children must not wear jewellery.