

What to expect in Year 3



*To love, serve and learn as Jesus
shows us*

Year 3 marks an exciting transition as your child moves from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2. It's a year where they begin to take greater ownership of their learning and grow in independence. We encourage children to take on more responsibility through classroom roles and independent tasks, helping to build confidence and autonomy. Our aim is to make learning fun and memorable, while deepening knowledge and reinforcing key skills.

Alongside the National Curriculum, we focus on developing self-confidence, resilience, independence, and social skills. With the move into Key Stage 2, expectations increase—children are supported to become more organised and show positive learning behaviours.

Our children and staff work very hard to ensure that all children reach their full potential.

What will my child learn?

As in all other year groups, Year 3 follow statutory learning set down by the government.

In both maths and English, there are a wide range of expectations for the children. Maths in Year 3 has more of a times tables focus. Quick recall of the required 3, 4, 8, and 50 times-tables (as well as the 2, 5, and 10 times-tables they've already learned in Year 1 and 2). You will probably notice your child beginning to use column addition and subtraction of three-digit numbers this year, as well as learning about multiplication and division, and using — and applying — their times tables knowledge. They will also cover fractions of quantities, equivalent fractions, angles, parallel and perpendicular lines, area, perimeter, and shape.

In spellings, your child will continue to work on the spelling patterns they have begun in previous years, but this year there is less of a focus on phonics and more emphasis on understanding and learning the spelling rules, as well as attention to prefixes and suffixes. This feeds into your child's weekly homework. In writing we focus on a variety of quality texts and writing styles; looking at settings, language style, and character within their writing. Your child will also study different genres of writing such as poetry and play scripts.

Children are assessed throughout this year against 'Age Related Expectations'. At the end of the year, parents will be informed as to whether their child has met the 'expected' national standard in Writing, Reading, Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar, and Maths.

Further information about all of our learning can be found on the Curriculum pages of our website

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How can I help my child?

The most important thing is to ensure that your child completes homework. At this stage, children may be able to complete homework more independently, or they may still need your support at home.

Homework will be set on Google Classroom. It will be set on Friday to be handed in on Friday.

Homework expectation:

- Read with an adult at least 3 times a week
- Practise spellings
- Practise timetables
- Complete Maths/English tasks

Reading books will be changed weekly. Your child will come home with a reading skills book (matched to their reading ability) and a reading for pleasure book (that the children choose themselves).

Children must also work on personal skills such as tying shoe laces, looking after their own belongings, changing their own reading books in school.

PE Days

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Fridays. Swimming will also begin in the summer term.

Keeping in touch

Urgent messages can be passed on via the school office. If you have any questions or concerns, please do make an appointment to meet with me.

Knowledge Organisers

Knowledge organisers are on the class page with all current learning, which can support the topics we are learning and enhance your child's vocabulary and understanding. These are available for each term for you to refer to.