

What to expect in Year 3



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

Welcome to Year 3: A fun year for your child and a year where you see your child grow in independence and autonomy of their learning. The intensity of Year 2 and the focus on grammar, arithmetic, and spelling will seem like a distant memory as the new term starts. This stage marks the end of Key Stage 1 as your child enters Key Stage 2 as a Junior. In this year, I really encourage the children to become more in control of their own learning and give them many roles and responsibilities.

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 at the end of the year as to whether they have met the 'expected' national standard in English and maths.

We will also continue to develop our understanding in RE through our Come and See lessons, this will be taught as a mixed key stage. The children will enjoy the history, geography and science topics. They will learn in a wide range of subjects such as PE, art, design and technology, computing, music, Spanish and RSHE.

Further information about all of our learning can be found on the Year 3 Teaching and Learning page on the St Vincent's website: www.stvincentsprimary.org

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How can I help my child?

The most important thing is to continue to help with homework, reading x3 weekly, spellings and times tables. By the time your child begins Year 3, they should be able to recall all the times tables and division facts for their 2s, 5s, 10s. They should already know all of the Year 1/2 statutory spellings and they will begin their ¾ statutory spellings. The lists can be found in your child's diary and these are tested half termly. Reading books will be changed weekly. Additional challenges will also be given based on our current grammar or spelling tasks which the children can write in their diaries following their reading.

Homework is usually a selection via Teams, Ed Shed or Deepening Understanding depending on the task. Twinkle Phonics will be set for intervention. It will be set on Friday to be handed in on Friday. Your child will learn that it is their own hard work and effort that matters, not someone else's. Many of these tasks will supplement the work your child has been learning about in school.

PE Days

PE will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Swimming will also begin in the summer term. We also have high expectations with regards to school uniform. Please refer to the school website for guidance.

Keeping in touch

Please use and read your child's School Diary for messages, I sign these daily. Urgent messages can be passed on via the school office or I can be contacted via Teams. If you have any questions or concerns, please do make an appointment to meet with me.

Trips/ Knowledge Organisers

I will inform you shortly of any trips that are about to commence, these will help to support your child's current learning in class and their wider understanding. 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.