

Message from the teachers

Dear Parents/Carers,

Unfortunately, due to this unprecedented time we have not been able to do our 'New to Year 3' meeting with parents. We have, however, put together a power point to share with you the learning, routines and expectations in Year 3. Some aspects of the year have stayed the same, some have changed and some will be reviewed and amended in light of government guidance and future changes. We do hope that you find it helpful as an introduction to Year 3. Resilience, independence, cooperation and confidence are our school's core values. We want all children in Key stage 2 to be successful in their learning and friendships, so at all times we encourage and support the development of these core values.

We are all really looking forward to the new term and meeting our new children. The children may be a little anxious about starting, but you can be assured that the learning activities, when they start, will focus on PHSE and wellbeing to bring a sense of togetherness and connectivity within their new classes, and across the school.

Finally, we would like to wish you a good summer break and to thank you for your continued support.

The Lower Key Stage 2 team.

WELCOME TO KEY STAGE 2!



The Team



- Year 3 teachers are: Ms Biggs and Mrs Nolan
- Year 3 / 4 teachers are: Mrs Hudspith and Mrs Bull
- Year 4 teachers are: Ms Holt and Mrs O'Hara
- Madame Bull: French
- Sports coaches: Lunchtimes & games
- Miss Flannery : Cover Assistant
- Mrs Major & Mrs McNelis :Teaching Assistants
- Mrs Major/ Mrs Duggan & other staff: Forest School
- Mrs Nazir :EAL
- SEND support staff to work with specific pupils

New systems in response to Covid 19

- The children will be in a fixed teaching group and these children will stay together during teaching time, lunchtime and playtime
- The playground will be divided into separate areas. Each class will play in these areas on a rotational basis
- Entrance to school is from 8:40 am to 9:00 am. Children will walk straight into their classrooms to the bottom of the Key Stage 2 corridor
- Exit from school at 3:20 pm will be staggered & children will need to be collected from the playground. The children will be by the rocket with their teacher. Once the teacher has seen you, they will send your child. Please let your child know where you will be standing. If parents/carers wish to talk to the teacher please phone through the office
- Children will wash their hands on entry and exit and frequently throughout the day
- For the safety of the school community, parents and carers will need to socially distance themselves from each other and leave the premises quickly
- Children must not bring in any resources from home, except for a SMALL PE bag and a packed lunch box and water bottle. Please do not send in packed lunches in a rucksack, they are too large to fit in the classrooms and on the corridor

Please also read the letter sent home by Mr Langley regarding further information about the routines to reduce the risk.



What is new?

- Some mixing up of the children has been necessary due to the need for a mixed aged class. The children are used to this as they have previously been mixed in year 1 / 2 and for phonics.
- The children will be taught French by Madame Bull.
- They will also be taught music by a specialist from Stockport's Music Service. This year it will be the ukulele.
- The Year 3 children will have the opportunity over the year to participate in Forest Schools. Each Year 3 class/group will be assigned a specific term. (please see later power point slide)
- The children have a longer day in Key Stage 2, finishing at 3:20pm.
- There isn't any free fruit in Key Stage 2. The children may bring in a healthy snack of fruit or vegetables.



Curriculum

- Due to the lockdown of the school the curriculum will initially be modified to ensure that learning gaps are addressed in: phonics, reading, writing and maths. Teachers will assess the children's gaps in learning to provide focussed lessons to catch up in these crucial areas of the curriculum. The school will aim to return to a full curriculum by Summer 2021
- The children will still be working towards 'end of year expectations', following the 2014 National Curriculum, irrespective of mixed age class or not. The children in the mixed Year 3 / 4 class will be following the Year 4 topics in the academic year 2020-21
- The year 3 topics that learning objectives are taught through and linked to are: **Which was better, stone, bronze or iron? What did the ancient civilisations do for us? Why is the UK shrinking?**
- Year 4 topics are: **Let's explore Europe, Why are the Ancient Greeks still heroes today? What did the Romans do for us?**

Year 4 Multiplication Check

- This academic year (2021) The children in Year 4 will take part in the government's multiplication check.
- This is an online test and children are expected to know all their times tables to 12 x 12 and out of order.

Eg 6×7 9×6 4×8 11×11 .

- There are 25 questions covering the tables and children get 6 seconds to answer.
- By the end of Year 3 the children are expected to know their 2, 10, 5, 4, 8, and 3 by instant recall.
- Practising these tables at home will give them an advantage.

Forest School!



- All our Y3 children get the opportunity to complete a series of Forest School lessons.
- Children will undertake a number of activities such as using tools to create woodland crafts, building dens and shelters, cooking and exploring habitats.
- The lessons help develop the children's confidence, self-esteem, independence and ability to work in groups.

- Every class will complete Forest School for one term, with the first cohort starting in September. Sessions take place every Friday either in the morning or in the afternoon.
- Mrs Duggan and Mrs Major, who are fully qualified Forest School practitioners, will happily provide more information.



Behaviour and rewards



- Our school follows a restorative approach to behaviour management. This works alongside our Golden Rules.
- Children receive golden tickets for good work & behaviour.
- Children lose golden time for not following the golden rules.
- Star of the day! Certificate home to acknowledge 'star' work or behaviour.
- Class Treat! Each class in Key Stage 2 has a sticker chart.

Stickers are awarded if the class are complimented or work hard. If the children fill their chart with 25 stickers, then they can choose their own class treat in school, which is usually a lesson long.



Our expectations...

- As usual, children should arrive to school on time everyday. Late arrivals can disrupt the teaching and the learning of others
- If a child is absent, then the parent/carer should inform school of the reason why on the first day of the absence.
- Homework is given out on a Wednesday and must be returned the following Monday.
- In line with other Key Stage 2 classes, if the homework isn't completed the children lose 5 minutes of their Golden Time.
- Children must have their PE kits in school each week. They should wear a white t-shirt, blue or black shorts for gym, dance or yoga. In colder weather, children can wear tracksuits. For outdoor games they **MUST** wear trainers, not pumps. Long hair must be tied back.



- Children should also wear the correct school uniform with black shoes
- Plastic water bottles can be brought into class, no juice please
- Children must not bring pencil cases into school, all equipment will be provided by school
- No earrings are allowed, due to safety reasons
- Please, please name **EVERYTHING!**

And finally.....



We expect all our KS2 children:

- To be caring, co-operative and respectful to each other and all adults in school
- To demonstrate a school's core values
- To follow our Golden Rules
- To listen and be ready for learning in lessons
- To be responsible for bringing in their PE kits
- To be responsible for completing homework
- To be responsible for looking after their belongings
- Like in KS1, children who do this will continue to be awarded Golden Time on Friday afternoons