



Welcome to Year 3!

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Moving into Year 3

New Opportunities in Year 3


This year, the children will be introduced to several exciting new subjects and skills as part of the Key Stage 2 curriculum. These include:

- **French**
- **Learning to play the recorder**
- **Swimming lessons**, which will take place during the **Summer term**


These opportunities help to broaden the children's learning experiences and develop new areas of confidence and creativity.

Independence and Responsibility

In Year 3, we place a strong emphasis on building independence and responsibility. Children are expected to arrive ready to learn, demonstrating positive learning behaviours and taking responsibility for their belongings and routines. Please ensure your child arrives promptly. The bell rings at 8:45am, and children should be lined up ready on the playgrounds where they will walk into the classroom. Any late arrivals will need to enter through the main school office.



Playtimes have changed
as we are now in Key
Stage Two. Playtime will
be 10.45am to 11am.



Curriculum

There are lots of interesting topics in the Year 3 curriculum. In English this term, we will be starting with writing a guide to enjoying the wilderness based on a book 'The Wilderness' by Steve McCarthy and we will be writing our own version of a fantasy narrative based on the book 'Leon and the Place Between' by Angela McAllister.

In Maths, we will be starting with place value up to 1000 and then on to addition and subtraction where we will be learning new strategies to solve a variety of calculations.

In Science this term, we will be learning about light and conducting our own investigations into shadows, light and reflections. We will also be learning how different types of rocks are formed and how to identify and classify them.







Curriculum





In Geography, we will be looking at locating and describing climate zones. We will be starting to learn how to play the recorders this term and we will be starting to learn French, focusing on greetings, colours and numbers 1 to 10 in the first half term.



The children will be learning about Jewish celebrations in RE which will see a Rabbi coming to visit at the end of the half term and we will be practising touch typing and spreadsheets in computing. We will also be developing our drawing skills and sewing skills in Art and DT.



Our curriculum overviews for each term are available on the school website. These provide an outline of the topics and learning objectives your child will be covering across all subjects.





Home learning

Home learning tasks will be set on two different days each week:

Maths Skills Sheet: A maths skills sheet will be uploaded to the Year 3 Microsoft Teams page every Monday and is due the following Monday. If you require a printed copy, please don't hesitate to ask.

Spellings: A list of spellings, linked to the week's English learning, will be sent home on Thursday. These words will be tested the following Tuesday.

Times Tables

By the end of Year 3, children are expected to confidently recall the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times tables. By the end of Year 4, they should know all multiplication facts up to 12×12 . Most children will have already begun learning their 2, 5, and 10 times tables in Year 2. We will build on this knowledge throughout the year, with weekly times tables tests introduced later in the academic year to support their progress.



Reading



We ask that you read with your child at least three times per week. Reading both with and to your child plays a vital role in developing their language, comprehension, and overall literacy skills.

To support reading at home, our Reading VIPERS question prompts are available on our class Teams page. These can help guide discussions and build your child's understanding of what they read.

Please remember to sign and initial your child's reading record each time you read with them at home. In addition to school reading books, we also encourage children to explore a variety of age-appropriate texts at home for enjoyment and enrichment.

In class, children will have regular opportunities to:

- Listen to a range of texts
- Read independently
- Read and discuss texts as a whole class

These activities are designed to further develop their VIPERS skills.

In Key Stage 2, the 'S' in VIPERS changes from Sequencing to Summarising. We will begin to introduce and develop this skill throughout the year and as they progress through KS2.

Finally, we will be visiting the school library every Monday, where children can borrow a book of their choice to enjoy at home.



PE

Our PE lessons are on **Mondays** and **Tuesdays**.

Children should **wear their PE kit to school** on these days, including trainers.

Earrings and watches must not be worn and long hair must be tied back.





Things to remember



Water bottles and coats

Please ensure that all water bottles, coats, and jumpers are clearly labelled with your child's name. As the weather becomes colder, it is important that children come to school with a coat each day, particularly between November and March, as they will be outside during playtimes and lunchtimes.

Show and tells

While we do not have regular Show and Tell sessions, we are always happy to celebrate achievements during whole-school assemblies or share items that are relevant to our current learning topics. We will incorporate these opportunities when time allows, but please be aware that it may not always be immediate due to the demands of the school day.

Things from home

We kindly ask that children do not bring toys, teddies, or other personal items from home unless specifically requested to.

Snacks

Information regarding suitable snacks has already been shared with parents and carers. As a reminder, any snacks that do not meet the school's healthy eating guidelines will be set aside and returned to the child at the end of the school day.



Key days to remember each week



Mondays

Library

Class teacher PE

Maths skills sheet to be handed in and new one will be handed out the same day

Tuesdays

Spelling test

EPC PE

Wednesdays


Mrs Herkes teaching in the afternoon

Thursdays

New spellings to practise

Sharing assembly dates:
Friday 21st November 2025
Friday 20th March 2026

Rabbi Zvi visit:
Monday 20th October 2025



Thank you for coming!

Any questions?