

Welcome to Year 3



3B – Mrs Banner (Year Leader)

3M – Mrs Rogers and Mrs MacSwiney

3S – Ms Strugnell,

Teaching assistants supporting the year group – Mrs Mitchell, Mrs Darler, Mrs Reiffer, Mrs Coleman

We would all like to take this opportunity to welcome you and your child to Year 3. We hope that they will find the coming year enjoyable, exciting and challenging.

Our first two weeks have been spent getting to know each other and getting back into the school routine as well as thinking about our feelings and how we felt coming back to school. The children have been amazing transitioning to year 3 and it is already as if they have always been here! There is a lot to think about and remember with all the new routines but children never cease to amaze us and have bounced back with real enthusiasm. For the rest of the half term our topic is 'Happy' – we will look at what a happy, healthy mind, body and diet is like. In the second half of the term, our topic is 'Dark' where we will study light and electricity in science and be creating our own light up Christmas Decorations.

Weekly homework in Year 3 consists of **reading, times tables' practise and spelling**, which will be set on a Thursday and returned on Tuesday for a test. This term they are all initially be receiving **INDIVIDUAL PERSONALISED SPELLINGS** taken from the Year 1 and 2 'tricky words' list that they got incorrect in a start of year test. They need to write their spellings out on three separate occasions, ensuring they cover them up when having a go. Please check them and test your child on them. Please log in to TT Rockstars and try to encourage your children to do just 5 minutes every day. Also check in to **Google Classrooms** regularly to see a topic based **Home Learning Project** for the children to complete each half term uploaded there.

Reading is now, more than ever, so important. Please support us by reading regularly (**minimum 3 x per week**) at home for at least 20 minutes at a time and recording this in their reading record. **Please ensure that you sign your child's reading record at least once a week to confirm that they have read at home.** We have many exciting rewards for reading at home but they will only qualify for these if you sign their record. Some children have already completed Accelerated Reader quizzes at home – this is great, making it a much quicker turn around to getting a new book and it gives you an idea how they are getting on. **Please send their book in daily.**

A full school uniform list is available on our school website. However, we would like to remind you that socks should be plain black grey or white and not trainer socks; hair accessories should be simple and in school appropriate colours; jewellery is limited to plain, round stud earrings and a watch; and nail varnish should not be worn. On PE/Forest school days your child needs to come in full (warm) PE kit.

Please ensure everything is named, including all PE kits, (especially all those lovely new identical hoodies!) coats, lunch-boxes and jumpers as this will mean it is more likely lost property will find its way back to the classroom.

It is important that your child brings a named **water** bottle to school and we encourage them to drink throughout the day. **They should also bring in a piece of fruit for a snack at playtime.**

We will be contacting each of you in October to let you know how your child is settling in. However, if you wish to contact us before then please feel free to **email the office**, which will be forwarded to us.

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Kind Regards

The Year 3 Team