

# Welcome to Year 3

I hope you all had a lovely summer break and your children have settled in well. It has been so great to be back this week and we have kicked off our Year 3 journey with some great work, lots of smiles and amazing enthusiasm. I am looking forward to teaching your child throughout this upcoming school year and have outlined the teaching for this term below. The transition to Key Stage Two from Key Stage One will give your child multiple opportunities to build upon essential skills and develop their independence. I hope that our continued communication will help your child learn, grow and enjoy their year to the fullest.

Here is some important information regarding the general outline of the school week and the expectations of the children.

## Physical Education

PE lessons this year will be on Thursday morning and Friday afternoon. Please ensure that your child has their full PE kit (including trainers) in school for these days. If desired, they can bring their kit in at the beginning of the week and take it home on Friday after school.

## Homework

Your child will be given some homework this year which they will be asked to complete. Homework will be given out on a Thursday and is due in no later than the following Friday.

Please can all homework be submitted back through Dojo where I can mark and comment on there. This reduces the movement of the homework from home to school and therefore should (hopefully), reduce the chance of it getting lost! Your child will be asked to complete the following each week:

## Spellings and timetables

Spelling lists will be given weekly. Children will need to practise these spellings, the rule and a selection of tricky words, ready for their test the following Thursday. They are expected to learn spelling patterns and rules in order to encourage independence in their writing.

## Maths

Maths homework will be given each week. It will relate to the previous week's learning. In year 3, your child will be learning the 3, 4 and 8 timetables. It would be very beneficial if they could be practicing these at home to improve their fluency.

## Topic Homework

Throughout the year, your child will receive a sheet with lots of different tasks relating to the topic. These are to be completed at a time that is convenient for you.

## Reading Records

Please help to foster a love of reading by encouraging your child to read at home. Reading records need to be signed at least 3 times a week and must be brought in every day. The loss of a reading record comes at the cost of £2.

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
	<b>Earth Explorers</b> English - Diary, leaflet and letter Science - Plants Geography - capitals and cities RE - What does it mean to be a Christian today? Computing - We are who we are French - Numbers, greetings, classroom instructions Music - environment and sounds PE - Personal skills Art - Portraits Maths - number, measurement and geometry	<b>Volcanoes and Earthquakes</b> English - Poetry, non-chronological report, newspaper report Science - Forces and Magnets Geography/History - Volcanoes and Earthquakes RE - Why are festivals so important to Religious communities? Computing - We are presenters French - Classroom instructions, ask for and give name and state age Music - Communication and poetry PE - Social skills Art and Design - Volcano theme Maths - Number, fractions and measurement

If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to speak to me.

I look forward to an exciting year!

Many thanks,  
Miss Blakeley.