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Welcome to Year 3!

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back, we hope you have all enjoyed a nice summer break. We would like to welcome you and your children to Year 3. The staff in your child's class this year will be Mrs Johnson, Mrs Lynam-Smith and Mrs Swann. We would like to take this opportunity to give you some more information about what to expect and what the children will need, day-to-day, to allow them to gain the most from their education and time spent with us.

In the mornings, the school is open at 8:40am and either Mrs Collins or Mrs Dewis will remain in the playground to ensure that children get into school safely. Lessons start promptly at 8:50 so please ensure your child is in school before then.

Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit on Fridays as that is when year 3 will have their PE lesson. Kit should comprise of a white t-shirt, black shorts, jogging bottoms, sweatshirt and black trainers. Earrings should be removed for PE, preferably at home before school as we cannot assist the children with this. If your child cannot remove their earrings, they should bring micropore tape to cover them.

School uniforms should be worn at all other times. This includes black or grey trousers/skirt/shorts and a white or blue polo shirt. In addition, a royal blue sweatshirt or cardigan should be worn and shoes should be black (no multi-coloured

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trainers). No jewellery other than watches and ear studs should be worn and no false nails please.

We ask children to take their water bottles home every night and bring them the next morning. This will stop children needing to fill them up during school time and will ensure bottles are regularly cleaned.

Support with your child's homework is greatly appreciated. Homework will be set every week (starting in a few weeks) and this will consist of one set of spellings, a 10 minute session on TTRockstars and a small talking task with a vocabulary focus. This will come home on Fridays. The homework should be completed and handed in the following Thursday to receive an extra Dragon Point. Children should not spend more than 30 minutes on each of these, unless of course they wish to do more. It is expected that children will read 5 times per week - even if it is only for 5 minutes and this should be recorded on the school system.

Children on the Read, Write, Inc. phonics program will be given a specific phonics book to bring home as well as a sharing book. Children not on the phonics program will bring home a book of their choice.

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Curriculum

There is a knowledge organiser for Science and the History/Geography topics attached. There will be a short quiz at the end of the topics which will be based on these organisers. Please encourage your child to try to learn as many of these key facts as possible at home.

English: The bear and the Piano, post card and letter writing.	Maths: Place value, written and mental calculation methods	History: The Stone Age
Geography: Settlements	Science: Rocks, Animals including Humans	RE: What do Christians learn from the Creation story? What is it like for someone to follow God?
Music: Pulse, Rhythm	Computing: Connecting computers Stop Frame animation	PSHE: Me and my relationships, Valuing difference
PE: is timetabled for Friday this term	Art: Drawing, Growing artists	DT: Food: eating seasonally

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Year 3 will have both Forest School and Art/DT every other Wednesday - please see the table below for all the dates.

Wednesday 02/09/26	Wednesday 16/09/26	Wednesday 30/09/26	Wednesday 14/10/26
Wednesday 04/11/26	Wednesday 18/11/26	Wednesday 02/12/26	Wednesday 16/12/26

Please ensure your child brings some old, forest school clothing into school: long trousers, a long-sleeved top, wellies and a coat.

If you have any concerns or queries please contact the office so that we can make arrangements to discuss them.

Yours faithfully,

Mrs J Johnson & Mrs J Lynam-Smith (Year 3 Class Teachers)

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