

WELCOME TO YEAR 3

4th September 2024

Dear Parents and Carers,

We are really excited to be welcoming you to Year 3. We hope this letter will answer some of the questions you might have about the new academic year.

The Year 3 team this year consists of:

Willow Class: Mrs. Rogers

Beech Class: Miss Rose

Sycamore Class: Mrs. Binks and Mrs. Wilson

The adults working across the year group will be: Mrs. Findlay-Wilson, Mrs. McFarlane, Miss Goodall, Miss Poslett, Ms Flynn, Mrs. King, and Mrs. Upcott.

We hope that your child will find the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 a happy and rewarding experience, and that they will continue to take every opportunity to build upon their learning.

Year 3 arrival time at school is 8:40 am. Please enter through the kitchen school gate and onto the Year 3 playground, where a member of the Year 3 staff will meet your child and take them to their class. We ask that parents drop their child off at this location and allow them to enter the building independently.

If you need to contact your child's class teacher, a message can be left by contacting reception if it is urgent, or you can use the class email addresses below:

- willow@wrpschool.org - Mrs. Rogers
- beech@wrpschool.org - Miss Rose
- sycamore@wrpschool.org - Mrs. Binks and Mrs. Wilson

In KS2, unfortunately children no longer have access to a government

The most important aim for the start of term is to get all children feeling happy, safe, and secure back in the school environment. There will be a focus on providing the children with a broad and balanced curriculum, with an initial emphasis on developing their emotional well-being and providing plenty of physical activity. We will be taking the time to get to know the children and allow them the time to get to know us, any new routines, and their new classrooms.

Throughout the Year 3 curriculum, English plays a major part. During daily English lessons, your child will extend their language skills in spelling, sentence structure, grammar, punctuation, and handwriting, alongside reading for enjoyment and information. They will

also be consolidating, extending, and applying their spelling strategies. In Year 3, we have various intervention programmes in place to help children with their learning. We will contact the parents/carers of the children involved to explain their role in supporting these initiatives. There will be a daily Maths lesson for all children, as well as weekly times table practice.

In Year 3, each half term we will be looking at a new topic. During the first half term, our topic is 'The Stone Age'. As part of this topic, we will be going on an exciting trip to Kent's Cavern! Details about the trip will be on ParentPay. After half term, we will be studying 'Beyond The Magic Kingdom', where the children will try to answer the question 'What is the Sunshine State really like?' Our learning for this half term is outlined on the topic overview sheet and will also be displayed in each of the Year 3 classrooms.

Home Learning will continue to be set on Seesaw. One activity will be spelling-based, and the children will be tested each Friday morning on their weekly lists. These spellings will be set at the appropriate level for your child. The other activity will be based on another area of the curriculum. We will start Home Learning the week beginning 13th September.

Reading: Children will continue to read at a level appropriate for their needs. They will bring home a book at the level they were assessed at the end of Year 2. During the year, children will be assessed regularly and will receive appropriately leveled books. They will work towards gaining certificates and rewards for every milestone achieved as follows:

- 10 books = Bronze
- 20 books = Silver award
- 30 books = Gold award
- 40 books = Platinum award
- 50 books = Pencil and bookmark
- 60 books = A book

Children have the opportunity to change their books every day. It is important that children read quietly to themselves as well as continuing to read aloud to an adult.

We have an exciting range of PE opportunities this term.

Year 3 PE days are:

Willow: Tuesday and Friday

Beech and Sycamore: Thursday and Friday.

The children need to continue to come into school wearing their PE kits on these days. All PE kits and uniforms (particularly jumpers or cardigans, ties, shirts/dresses, trousers, and coats) must be clearly marked.

Children are also welcome to bring in a simple, small pencils case. This can include: pencils, a rubber, a ruler, a glue stick and colouring pencils. Please do not include any toys, felt tips or gel pens.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team