

William Barnes



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Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope you all had an enjoyable summer and are feeling refreshed and ready for the busy term ahead. All the children are beginning to settle well into their new class and I am really looking forward to getting to know them better throughout the year. I also look forward to meeting those of you that can attend our **'meet the teacher evening' on Thursday 15th September 2021 at 3.20 pm**. The session will last about 20 minutes and will be held in the Year 3 classroom.

Morning Routine

The school gates will be open from 8.30 am. Please can lunchboxes be placed on the Year 3 trolley inside the school hall as soon as your child arrives. At 8.45 am, when the bell rings, the children will need to line up and wait for myself or Mrs Day to collect them from playground. On rainy days, your child can come straight into the classroom.

Any coats or bags are to be hung in the cloakroom as they enter the classroom. Book bags should be brought to school daily, along with reading books and reading journals. Please also send in a healthy snack (preferably fruit and vegetables) for your child and make sure this is kept separate from their lunchbox so it can be kept in the classroom ready to eat at breaktime. Drinks bottles will be kept in a tray in the classroom, but please note that only water is allowed during lessons. Children can bring in an extra bottle of squash for their packed lunch, but this will need stay in their bag until lunchtime.

Homework

Each week, Year 3 children will be set a small amount of home learning. This will need to be completed in your child's reading journal or maths folder and will consist of the following:

- A minimum of 3 reads with an adult - recorded and signed in your child's reading journal. The expectation for reads will increase to 4 after half term and then to 5 after the Christmas break. This is to allow both children and parents to adjust with the additional homework set compared to year 2. Reading books and reading journals have already been sent out. When your child has finished their reading book, it is their responsibility to change it during the school day.
- To achieve at least 300 points on Mathletics. Mathletics login details are attached to the front of your child's Maths folder along with their Times Table Rock Stars login.
- A times table or other Maths worksheet

Throughout the year, your child may be set some additional homework to complement their learning in class.

PE

PE lessons for Year 3 will be taught on a Tuesday and Thursday during the first half term. These will change half termly but I will send a message to inform parents of this.

On PE days, please send your child into school wearing their PE kit. This should consist of a green or white t-shirt with black shorts/leggings/tracksuit bottoms and trainers. Your child may also wear a plain PE hoodie or their William Barnes school jumper. Please be considerate on cold and wet days and ensure that your child has enough warm clothing and ensure every item is labelled.



Please could earrings be taken out at home on these days unless your child is able to quickly remove/insert their own earrings quickly.

PPA Time

As you may be aware all teachers have non-contact time each week for planning, preparation and assessment so Miss Maynard will be teaching Year 3 on a Wednesday afternoon.

This term the children will be learning:

Mathematics: Number and Place Value, Counting and Estimating, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Properties of Shape, Measures, Time, Statistics, Fractions of Shape and Numbers and Problem Solving.

English: Our work will be based around Roald Dahl books and includes writing the following: Narratives, Character Descriptions, Diary Entries, Newspaper Reports, Dialogue and Plays. We will also be writing non-fiction reports about WWII.

Science: Light followed by Rocks.

History and Geography: Our topics are World War II and India.

Art and DT: Rangoli Patterns, Watercolours, Milk Bottle Elephants, Indian Cookery and Christmas Market Items.

Computing: Computer Programming - Scratch 'Dressing Up'. Using Design Software to create repeated patterns.

RE: Hinduism - the importance of home. Christianity - the true meaning of Christmas

PSHCE: 'Being Me in My World' and 'Celebrating Difference', including a themed Anti-Bullying Week.

Music: Charanga music scheme for Year 3.

P.E: Dance (including Indian/Bollywood dancing), Tennis Skills and Netball.

Finally, if you have any queries or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see me for a quick chat at the start or end of the day or make an appointment. Alternatively, you can send me an email. My email address is year3@williambarnes.dorset.sch.uk.

Many thanks for your support.

Yours sincerely,

Mrs Hughes
(Class Teacher)

and

Mrs Day
(Teaching Assistant)

