

Year 3 - Curriculum Letter for Parents – September 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had a good holiday. The attached timetable and curriculum map give an overview of the work we will be covering.

Below you will find information about the staffing of the class:

	Morning	Afternoon
Monday	Mrs Bailey-Candlish and Mrs Ryan	Mrs Bailey-Candlish and Mrs Ryan
Tuesday	Mrs Bailey-Candlish and Mrs Ryan	Swimming with Mrs Pearce and Mrs Harris
Wednesday	Mrs Bailey-Candlish and Mrs Ryan	Mrs Bailey-Candlish
Thursday	Mrs Bailey-Candlish and Mrs Ryan	Mrs Bailey-Candlish and Mrs Ryan
Friday	Miss Warner and Mrs Ryan	Miss Warner

Homework

Y3 homework will consist of the following: reading at home every night for 10 minutes or more, weekly spellings, handwriting and times tables. Any work completed should be brought into school after one week, presented neatly and named. Links to additional support which you may wish to use at home can be found on our class webpage on the school website.

Spellings - In Key Stage 2, we use Essential Spelling and Word Knowledge (from Oxford Owl), a spelling programme that enables children to understand the patterns in the English language using a combination of morphology, etymology and application of phonological rules. Spellings will be sent home weekly to practise and the children will be expected to use them in sentences dictated in class by the end of each week and apply them in all their writing.

Times tables - We expect children to be practising their times tables at home using ttrackstars.com. Y3 is a crucial year for times tables learning. Children are expected to already know multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and, this year, to learn them for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Practice done at home will greatly support their learning in Maths. We check ttrackstars to ensure everyone is accessing it regularly.

Reading – It continues to be a priority that children read daily at home. At the beginning of the week your child will be given a book chosen by us. This book must be brought to and from school daily and is intended to be read aloud to an adult. Please keep it in their school bag all the time as they will be asked to read in school throughout the week. If it is a short book, it should be read three times, once for decoding, then to develop intonation and expression and finally to be able to answer questions to show understanding of what has been read. Please also remember how valuable it is for you to read regularly to your child. To support this, your child will choose a picture book from our library for you to read to them. If the book is returned by the following week, your child will be able to choose a new one.

PE

Children come to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays for swimming and Wednesdays for Sport Coaching. They should wear plain dark coloured shorts/trousers/leggings, with their school PE tops and their school jumper. They should also wear trainers (tying own laces) and no jewellery on these days. If your child wears earrings they *must not* be worn on PE days. If ears have been pierced recently, a supply of plasters or micropore tape will be needed in school so that they can be covered. Children must be able to do this themselves. Long hair must be tied back at all times.

Water bottles and snacks – It is essential that children come to school every day with a named water bottle. We will encourage them to drink water throughout the day. In KS2, children no longer receive fruit/veg as a snack each day, so they will need to bring one in with them instead. Please provide something healthy and use a small named container if necessary. We are a NUT FREE school, which means that any snacks and lunches MUST NOT contain any nuts or seeds. This includes seeded bread, pesto, muesli bars, Nutella/ chocolate spread and peanut butter, for example.

Talking to the teachers – If you need to contact us, please see us after school or message us via the school office (if urgent) or send us a message on Dojo if not urgent. Messages sent at the weekend will not be read until the following week. Please watch out for messages from us on Dojo about upcoming events. You have all been sent an email invitation. Please let us know if you have any problems.

We are looking forward to an engaging and productive term!

Mrs Bailey-Candlish, Miss Warner and Mrs Ryan