

Welcome to
Year 3

Watling Street School

Year 3 Newsletter



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You have an exciting, challenging and hopefully fun year ahead.

Members of Staff

Your new teacher is going to be Miss Norman.

Mrs Godfrey is going to be working in year 3.

We will also be joined by Mr Gibson

It's Great to be Green

We can't wait to get to know our new year 3 team. We know that you are going to work hard, try your best and treat each other with kindness and respect! We know we are going to have lots of children on Silver and Gold. I'd better top up the stickers and prize box.

Curriculum challenges

MFL- This year you'll start year 3 finding out all about France, it's food and Culture, so that we are ready to start French. By the end of Year 3 you'll be able to say confidently- Je parle francais! (I speak French!)

Maths - You will develop your knowledge of times tables. We will have a quiz every week. Merits and Team Points for anyone who improves their weekly score, or achieves 50 out of 50. I wonder who will be the first person in September to achieve 50 out of 50? Log on to the VLE and check out the links to times table games or have a go in Purple mash.

English - You will become a more independent reader and writer. You'll be reading more challenging books. You will learn about some different types of writing and you will practice these in Cornerstones. Your sentences will be longer as you'll use different conjunctions in your writing. You will begin to join your handwriting. You will have a spelling test on a Friday. Merits and Team Points for anyone who improves their weekly score, or achieves full marks.

Computing - You'll become more skilled at using a computer and iPad as a research tool and to publish your learning in different way. Check out Purple Mash there are some useful programs on there in Tools. You'll also programmes like Scratch and Lego control.

Science- You'll develop your science knowledge and understanding of the world. You'll work with your Learning Partner or a small Team to carry out scientific investigations for each topic.

RE You'll discover more about Christianity and other faiths. We'll think about how faith helps their followers. We will also think about Jesus as a role model.

Cornerstones- You'll have three different topics Autumn- 'Tremors', Spring- 'Gods and Mortals' and Scrumdiddlyumptious in the Summer term.

Music- In Music this term we will be continuing to play instruments in our Rock It music lessons with Mr Baugh. This year, we are aiming to achieve a Level 1 London School of Ensemble exam. You will also take part in the Key Stage "Rock It Concert" .

PE- we will have 2 sessions of PE weekly- weather permitting. We will think about how being fit and healthy gives us confidence, makes us happy and helps us cooperate with others, as well as how it can improve our learning skills. So don't forget your **labelled PE Kits**.

Important information for Year 3



PE lessons- PE lessons will be on **Tuesday** and **Thursdays**. Children need a pair of shorts, a coloured T-Shirt in their house team. (Blue, green, yellow or red) and pumps, which are in a small pump bag, please clearly labelled these with their names. As the weather deteriorates, it may become necessary to wear joggers and trainers during outdoor PE lessons. These items can be left in school along with indoor PE kits. Please make sure that all items of jewellery, especially earrings, are removed on these days and that long hair is tied up. Children may now be able to remove earrings themselves, if so they will need a small pot to keep in their tray. Children are responsible for their own items of clothes or jewellery,

Reading

Reading is an important life skill as such school appreciates the time and support that parents provide their children. It would benefit your child if you could regularly listen to them read. Diaries and reading books are put in the 'Reading Book' box, their books will almost always be changed the same day. The books should be read at a pace suitable to your child. I am always very happy to read that the children have spent some time discussing the text and have been discouraged from racing through the book! If you feel there is a problem with your child's reading book then please either write a note in their diary or see me at the end of the day.

Reading books should be brought to school every day. Remember to log on to BUG CLUB to read and answer questions.

We have a big challenge moving from year 2 to year 3.

We are aiming to have all children on brown level reading books. Your child could be on

- Blue level
- Green level
- Orange level
- Turquoise level
- Purple level
- Gold level
- White level,
- Lime level
- Brown level

Water bottles- The children are encouraged to bring their own water bottles to school and drink plenty of water throughout the day. They are able to re-fill bottles with fresh water at play times and dinner times and will often have them at their tables when working. Bottles with sports caps are most suitable as accidents can and will happen! I will always try to make sure bottles come home every night to be washed.

Homework- Each Friday the children will receive spellings which will be tested on the following Friday. These spellings will be linked to that week's spelling lesson. These will be written on the VLE.

A variety of homework activities will available on iamlearning.co.uk. These activities are often quite simple and can be completed independently. The children can enjoy creating their own study areas and playing a variety of fun games.

Weekly Maths and/or English homework will sent home on a Friday.

