

# Meet the Teacher: Year 3 Information

## Curriculum

In Year 3 we continue with a subject specific curriculum which includes some practical activities to further develop understanding. We still use a creative curriculum and children have an input into their learning throughout the year. Please see the Autumn overview and Curriculum Overview for more details.

## Reading

One group will do a Reading for Comprehension session with the teacher each day. Following this session, your child will bring home a new book at a similar level to the one read in class. **Reading books will be sent out on a Friday** and should be **returned on a Wednesday**. They will also be set 30 minutes of reading on Reading Plus each week, which involves reading 4 texts and answering comprehension questions. the 30mins of Reading Plus does not have to be in 1 session, for example you could do 10min across 3 days.

Reading should take place as part of your child's homework, every day, for ten to fifteen minutes. The children will be given a **reading diary, which will need to be in school every day**. Reading diaries won't be checked every day but please still record the date and book title, with a brief comment and signature. You could get your child to write the book name and you can then sign it. Your child will also be provided with a VIPERS bookmark with questions on that you can ask to help with their understanding of the text. If there is anything I would like your child to focus on, I will include it in their weekly homework overview.

## Spellings

These will be given, as part of the homework, on a Friday to be learnt for the following week. I will provide the spelling pattern we are focusing on for the following week with three example spellings, which the children are then encouraged to investigate, recording their own words with these patterns. Some extra spellings may be sent out to individual children, as there may be personal targeted spelling words to focus on. Please don't worry if a list is not provided every week. Spellings will also be set on Spelling Shed (EdShed) for children to practice.

## Homework

Homework will be sent **out each Friday** in their zip wallet and should be **returned by the Wednesday**. Each child will receive their own CGP Maths and English book for the year.

Homework will consist of:

- CGP Maths: 10min weekly workout
- CGP English: 10min weekly workout
- Spelling Rule
- Times Table Rock Stars (20min a week – does not have to be all in one go)
- Reading Plus (30min a week – does not have to be in one go)

There will also be the opportunity for project-based homework linked to our topics. I may also set online activities for the children to complete. You will receive logins for educational websites, such as Reading Plus, EdShed and Times Table Rockstars with your Homework book.

## Times Tables

There will be a strong focus on times tables in Year 3, as children have the Times Table test at the end of Year 4. By the end of Year 2, children are expected to know their x2, x5 and x10 and by the end of Year 3 their x3, x4 and x8. We will spend the first half term refreshing the times tables from Y2. There are lots of ways to practise times tables, including Times Table Rock Stars. Each child will have their own login for them to practise online and this can be accessed on a computer or via an app for phones/tablets. Each week there will be a TTRS battle and children can earn certificates as they increase their speed.

## Star Pupil

The award of 'Star Pupil' will be given to any child or children who have done or achieved something meaningful or amazing for them personally. This will involve the presentation of a trophy in assembly on a Friday. This award will not necessarily be given each week unless something outstanding has been noted by myself or other adults in class.

PE

PE sessions are every **Wednesday and Friday**. Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school for these days and that long hair is tied back or they have a bobble to tie their hair back. If your child has pierced ears, please ensure earrings are removed on PE days or that you provide tape or plasters.

## Finchale Fitness

Children will be taking part in Finchale Fitness every day. **Please ensure that your child has trainers in school each day.** If your child needs to take trainers home for a sports club in the evening or at the weekend, please make sure that they are returned the following day.

## Water bottles

Water is essential to ensure children are hydrated, stay alert and are ready to learn. Please make sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle to school every day and that it is clearly labelled.

## Clothing

Please ensure your child's clothes are labelled, including coats, hats, scarves, gloves etc and they are wearing the correct uniform.

## Medicine

Should your child require any medication, please ensure it is clearly labelled when you hand it in to the school office and that you have signed a consent form, which can be found on the website. (Parents – Medication Request Form).

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs Nower (Class Teacher)