

Important Dates

9th/11th September: Safeguarding training for volunteers 9am

17th September: Coffee with the SENCo

25th September: Reading with parents LKS2 9am

15th October: Happy School Bag Collection

28th October to 1st November: Half term

4th November: INSET Day

5th November: Well-being week

8th November: Well-being activities with parents LKS2 2.55pm

8th November: Fireworks

12th/13th November: Parent consultations

29th November: Occasional Day

3rd December: Happy School Bag Collection

9th December: Year 3 Work Sharing 2:45pm

17th December: KS2 Christmas Lunch

18th December: KS2 Rhodes Panto

19th December: KS2 St Michael's church carol service
(children to be collected from the church)

20th December: Term ends 2pm

Autumn Term 2019

Welcome to Year 3

We hope you had a lovely holiday and are feeling refreshed and ready for the new school year. The team in year 3 are really excited about getting to know your children. We have lots of enjoyable activities planned to engage them in learning. The team this year are Miss Hartley in Class 5 and Miss Nolan in Class 6. Mrs Riggs and Mrs Wilson will be supporting the children in class.



Home Learning

Home learning and spellings will be uploaded to eSchools on Thursday afternoon and sent home in Home Learning books on Friday. These will need to be handed in by the following Wednesday. Tasks will vary between English, Maths and Topic based activities.

Home Learning should be completed in pencil only (we are happy to provide if you do not have one at home) and should take about half an hour to finish.

Spellings will be tested on Thursdays. These will be introduced in class the week prior to the test.

Drop Off / Pick Up

One of the big changes in year 3 is the end of the school day. The children will stand in the year 3 area outside their classrooms. When they see their adult, they may ask permission to go straight to them. If they have younger siblings in KS1 or EYFS, they may ask permission to walk down and meet their adult. However, if their adult is not there, they must return to their class teacher.



Reading

In class, we will be reading a range of texts including Fantastic Mr Fox, Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and a variety of Just So stories by Rudyard Kipling.

All children have a reading record book which they are expected to take home and bring into school daily. Teachers will check record books weekly. Children may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home.

Please listen to your child read at least three times per week in order to help them increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.



Maths

We will start the term by focusing on place value of numbers up to 1000. We will then move on to teaching the children column addition and subtraction, and begin to multiply and divide a variety of one and two-digit numbers.

During lessons, the children will encounter a variety of arithmetic style, reasoning and problem solving questions to demonstrate their mathematical understanding. Each week, the children will complete an arithmetic test and will have an opportunity to practise their arithmetic skills.

Throughout the year, the children will be learning their 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well as revising their 2s, 5s and 10s. Each week the children will complete a short times tables test. We would be grateful if you could support your children in learning these at home.



Topic

Our first topic is Predators. In Predators, we will be thinking about the characteristics of animals and their place in the food chain. We will learn all about the different habitats of predator and finish the term with an exciting visit from some animals.

After half term, our topic will be Scrumdiddlyumptious. We will be basing our learning on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of fruits and understand where they come from. Our learning during this topic will also include colour mixing, drawing with different mediums and making fruit



PE Kit

This year, PE lessons will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays for year 3.

Each child will need a plain white t-shirt (with or without the Northgate emblem), plain bottle green PE shorts, plain bottle green hoody (with or without the Northgate emblem), plain bottle green joggers and a suitable pair of trainers.

Please ensure that this kit is in school all week and is clearly named, including footwear. If your child wears tights to school, please ensure they also have a spare pair of socks to wear in PE lessons.

