



Autumn 1 2023

Year Three Newsletter

In other news ...

...School Council election
will take place on 20th
September.

...Extra-curricular clubs

... Culcheth Library visits
restart this term!

Important Y3 Dates:

TBC Tatton Park Stone Age
to Iron Age Experience –
14th September

Culcheth Library Visits –
28th September, 12th & 26th
October

Welcome to Year Three! It feels like only yesterday this lovely bunch started school, and now they're beginning their journey as juniors – doesn't time fly?! We have a busy year ahead; some practices and routines you and the children will be familiar with, and some will be new and challenging, but together we will build on the successes of previous years ensuring that the children have the best opportunities possible to achieve their full potential.

Through the children, you will probably hear me harp on about our school values 'Respect, Resilience, Relationships', how 'wobbling' is a good thing so we don't need to worry about it and that your best is always good enough, but I know they will be absolutely fine; they are a fantastic class who will take it all in their stride and I'm really looking forward to the year ahead.

Throughout the Autumn term, the Y3 team will include me teaching the class full-time, Miss Dunn covering my PPA time on Monday afternoons, and occasional support from Mrs Pullen.

As always, if there's anything you're not sure of or you have further questions or matters you wish to discuss, please do get in touch by making an appointment or catch me briefly at the door before or after school most days (with the exception of Monday afternoons). Alternatively, I am happy to respond to emails:

lmilward@twissgreen.net.

Homework

As is in Key Stage 1, homework will focus heavily on weekly spellings and reading with a piece of maths to consolidate the learning in school that week. Times tables are a huge part of the Y3 & 4 maths curriculum, so this is something we will also be covering a lot supported by the online tables site, TTRockstars.

In Key Stage 2, the children follow a two homework folder routine; these are sent home and collected in on alternate Fridays – this allows us time to mark work and get new sheets in the folders. Homework will usually include, Mathematics (most of the time online through 'Century'), Spelling/Handwriting, and then regular reading of their school reading book which is recorded in their reading records. Children will also have a 'free' reading book either from our book corner or from home to enjoy both in school and at home. I will send pings for any changes to homework for that week.

Please look out for TTRockstars and Century passwords coming home in blue bags.

PE Kits/ School Uniform

PE lessons will take place on Monday and Wednesday afternoons, and the children should come to school in their PE kits – TG PE top and black shorts (indoor kit) or TG PE jumper or school cardigan/ jumper and dark tracksuit bottoms (outdoor kit) – and trainers. On non-PE days, children should bring trainers to school in a bag to change into for the Daily Mile (ideally in a drawstring bag that they can hang on their pegs).

On all other days, the children are expected to wear full school uniform, including school shoes. Children can keep a pair of trainers in a bag on their pegs all of the time if that is easier.

Please visit the Y3 Class page and click on the 'Curriculum 2023-2024' tab for the full Y3 Curriculum overview and knowledge organisers- these contain key information and vocabulary for each subject.

Autumn 1 2023 – Year Three are learning about...

English

Our main text is '**The Iron Man**' by Ted Hughes and Chris Mould and in our English lessons, we will be ...

- Writing threat narratives and explanation texts
- Developing Year Three reading skills by exploring fiction and non-fiction books linked to our topics
- Expressing time, place and cause using conjunctions
- Using the present perfect form of verbs
- Focusing on the formation of nouns using different prefixes

Other Subjects

- **Design Technology**

Eating seasonally

- **Computing**

Online Safety

- **PSHE (Jigsaw)**

Being Me In My World

- **RE – Christianity (God)**

How (and why)
have some people
served God?

- **Music** – Let your Spirit
Fly

- **PE**

Fundamentals & Gymnastics

- **Spanish**

Phonetics and 'I am learning
Spanish'

Maths

In Maths, this term we will be:

- **Place Value** – recognising the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number (100s, 10s, 1s), comparing and ordering numbers up to 1,000, identifying, representing and estimating numbers using different representations and reading and writing numbers up to 1,000 in numerals and in words
- **Addition & Subtraction** – Adding and subtracting whole numbers with up to 3 digits, formal written methods, mental addition and subtraction and solving a range of addition and subtraction multi-step problems
- **Multiplication & Division** – Calculating two-digit numbers times one-digit numbers, using mental and progressing to formal written methods and solving problems, including missing number problems, involving multiplication and division

Science – Rocks

During this unit of work, the children will compare and group rocks on the basis of their appearance and physical properties. They will describe how fossils are formed and recognise what soil is made from by completing different scientific investigations!

History - Stone Age to Iron Age: Who was first to live in Britain?

Our Autumn term History focuses on the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will explore archaeology, what it is and how it tells us about the past. They will look at the Stone Age and make comparisons between each of the ages including the Iron Age and the Bronze Age. As well as this, we will explore housing, settlements and food, in particular looking at how they shaped the world today.