



Welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer holiday and the children are excited to be joining our Year Three class.

This year marks a milestone for all of the children in Year 3 as they step from Key Stage 1 into Key Stage 2: the 'Juniors'!

Year 3 Staff

Mrs Rowlands (Class Teacher)

I am looking forward to welcoming the children into our new classroom and learning about all of their strengths and talents. Year 3 has many wonderful aspects that I know the children will love, starting with our local area before going back in time to meet characters from the Stone Age and the Ancient Greeks. Along the way I am thrilled to be introducing them to the Spanish language and having lots of creative fun.

Mrs Prytherch (Class Teacher)

I am very excited to be in Year 3 again this year. I thoroughly enjoyed teaching the curriculum last year and I am looking forward to enhancing this further to meet the needs of the children. We have some great topics in Year 3 to learn about and enjoy together. The first English unit 'A Bear Called Paddington' is sure to excite and enthuse the children in reading and writing.

Important Information for Year 3

PE Days

Year 3 pupils will have PE on **Tuesday and Thursday.**

Pupils should bring their full PE kit and trainers (please see school website for details) at the start of each term and remember to bring back into school after participating in sporting clubs and competitions.

Year 3 will be going swimming after the Christmas holiday.

Homework

Homework is a valuable way of enhancing your child's learning outside of the classroom as well as helping them to develop their independence and organisational skills.

Year 3 pupils will receive the following homework:

Reading – Pupils should try to read as frequently as possible. We ask that you record when they have read in their homework diaries, so we can keep track of how much they are doing at home.

As soon as a book is finished, this can be changed in school.

When we feel a child is ready, they will become a 'Free Reader'. This allows the children to choose from a wider variety of books in the school and class library. Alternatively, they may choose to read a book from home/Burscough Library and record this in the Reading Record.

Spellings – Every **Friday** children will receive a set of spellings which they will need to learn ready for a test the following **Friday**. Pupils will work on these spellings during lessons but learning these at home is of great benefit to their development and in achieving highly each week.

Maths - Children will be receiving Maths homework. This will be given each Friday and should be returned to school on a Wednesday.

Extra Homework – There may be times when children have an extra task to complete at home. An example of this will be to complete a food diary. This will then be used during lesson time to enhance learning further.

Having taught the children for the many transition days in June and July, we know they are ready for the next step in their education and we are very excited to get to know them over the next year and for us to work as a team in supporting your children.

Kind regards,

Mrs Rowlands and Mrs Prytherch