

September 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year Three!

I am feeling very excited and blessed to be teaching your child this year. It has been amazing to watch them grow and gain confidence throughout KS1 and I am looking forward to see how they progress this year on their journey into KS2. The staff in Year Three are myself, Mrs Norris on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Miss Webb on Thursday and Friday. They will also have Mrs Verden who is our HLTA-she will cover the class on a Tuesday morning for an hour and on Wednesday morning whilst I'm out of class.

We have got lots of enrichment trips, visits and local walks planned for this year. We are heading to Abbeystead Estate for a day of outdoor learning on Wednesday **30th September**. We will send details in a separate letter.

Year Three is an exciting year, as the children move into KS2 and start to grow in independence and knowledge. It is the perfect time to start encouraging your child to take more responsibility for organising their own equipment and school books, rather than relying on an adult to make sure they have everything they need each day. Learning times tables will be a huge focus this year so please help your child to practise them at home. By the end of Year Three, children are expected to know their 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 & 10 x tables. Children need to learn their tables in order and they should also be able to answer random questions within 6 seconds.

In Year Three, we also continue with **daily reading at home**. Your child should be reading to an adult each day – don't forget to sign their planner to show they have been reading as this will help them to work towards gaining their reading key. Please encourage your child to record books they have read that are not from school too.

PE days this term are: Tuesday and Wednesday. We will be working on Net and Wall and different throwing skills. Please ensure that your child has a correct, fully named PE kit. Earrings cannot be worn for PE, so if your child cannot remove their own earrings, please remove them before school on PE days.

Other homework

Spelling – We will be continuing with Purple Mash Spelling. We will start with the spellings for Year 3 Autumn 1 Week 1 – We will set the spellings as a 2do on Purple Mash.

Maths - Every week your child will be expected to complete the maths homework that will be set as a 2do on Purple Mash on a Wednesday and it will need to be handed in for the following Tuesday. If you would like to complete additional tasks, games and practice activities are available on Purple Mash and other maths sites.

Meet The Teacher

There is an important Meet the Teacher and Online Safety Meeting for Year 3 after school on Wednesday 9th of September at 3:30pm. It is crucial you attend the meeting as recent changes to how we keep our children safe online may prevent your child accessing the internet in school unless the meeting is attended.

Communication

We will continue to update the school website with our class news every half term. Please remember to check your Arbor regularly to keep in touch with what is happening in school.

Finally, we value good communication with parents so please don't hesitate to get in touch if you have any questions or concerns about your child in school. Email is the best way to contact us – my email address is at the bottom of this letter.

Thank you for your support,

Kind regards,

Miss McShane

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