



## **Welcome to Year 3**

This year marks an exciting and important step in your child's learning journey, as they make the transition from Key Stage One to Key Stage Two. In Year 3, children continue to build on the solid foundations laid in Year 2, while also developing greater independence, creativity, and resilience as they take on the new challenges of Key Stage Two. Although the curriculum becomes more demanding, we are committed to making learning enjoyable and varied. Through a broad range of engaging topics, we aim to spark curiosity and encourage a real love of learning. Our classroom remains a place where children feel supported, inspired, and confident to apply their growing knowledge in new and meaningful ways.

### **Daily Routines**

The school doors open at 8:45 AM and close at 8:55 AM, ready to welcome the children for a prompt and engaging start to the day. Each morning begins with a fun and interactive Morning Maths Challenge or a quiz to recap what was learned the previous day—a great way to get the children thinking and ready to learn.

During the morning sessions, your child will focus on a mix of core and foundation subjects. In the afternoon, they will continue their learning across a range of exciting foundation subjects, which may include Geography, History, Computing, Religious Education (RE), Design and Technology (DT), Physical Education (PE), Music, Art, Science, and Personal, Social, Health, and Economic (PSHE) education. We aim to provide a rich and varied curriculum that keeps your child engaged, challenged, and inspired throughout the day.

### **Promoting Positive Behaviour in Year 3**

At the start of the school year, the children work together to create a set of class rules based around the principles of being *Ready, Safe and Respectful*. These are simple, clear expectations that help us create a calm, kind and purposeful learning environment for everyone. Throughout the year, we'll be encouraging the children to follow these class rules, and we place a strong emphasis on recognising and rewarding positive behaviour. Children who consistently make good choices can move up our class behaviour chart.

At St. Peter's, we believe in celebrating success and using positive reinforcement to encourage great behaviour. Our aim is for every child to work towards achieving *Outstanding* behaviour over the course of the term. When the whole class reaches this goal, they earn a reward that they choose together – as well as a *Outstanding* card to celebrate their achievement!

### **Our Year 3 Topics**

- **Autumn Term** – *From the Stone Age to the Iron Age*
- **Spring Term** – *The Romans*
- **Summer Term** – *Nick Park and Animation*

At the start of each term, you will receive a curriculum newsletter outlining what your child will be learning in each subject. These newsletters will give you a clear overview of the knowledge and skills we'll be focusing on, helping you stay informed and involved in your child's learning.

### **Assessment**

In Year 3, we assess pupils regularly in maths, writing, and reading. These assessments help identify strengths and areas for support. Results are shared in school reports. Reading levels are updated termly, and we revisit prior knowledge regularly to support progress, understanding, and confidence across all subjects.

### **Homework**

Homework will be given out every Friday and should be returned by the following Thursday. Each week, your child will have an English task, usually a comprehension or a SPAG (Spelling, Punctuation and Grammar) activity, plus a Maths task linked to recent learning.

### **Times Tables and Spellings**

In Year 3, children will have weekly times tables and spelling tests to help improve their fluency and accuracy. To support this at home, we encourage children to continue using TTRockStars for times tables practice.

### **Termly Choice Homework**

Your child will also receive Termly Choice homework, which includes creative activities linked to foundation subjects. These tasks complement what is being taught in class and offer a fun way for you and your child to explore topics together.

### **Year 3 Stationery**

In Year 3, we provide all the stationery your child will need for their lessons. However, if your child would like to bring their own stationery from home, they are very welcome to do so.

### **Playtime snack**

In Year 3, your child has the option to purchase toast for £1 per week. Payments for toast are collected on Monday mornings. If you prefer, you can also pay for toast on a termly basis at the school office. If your child does not wish to have toast, they are very welcome to bring their own healthy snack from home. Please ensure that any snacks brought in do not contain nuts, as we have children with allergies.

Please could the children bring a water bottle each day which they can take into the classroom with them. This way, it can be accessed at any time during the day at the children's convenience.

I am very much looking forward to working in partnership with you to ensure your child has a happy, successful, and rewarding year.

