

Welcome to Year 3!



Dear Year 3,

We are delighted to be able to welcome you all to a fun-packed year at St Anne's. After what seemed like a lifetime of waiting and hoping we would be back together, the new term has finally arrived and the learning has begun.

We believe that "If you can dream it, you can do it!" That is what makes this such an exciting year, because we are making our dreams start to come true. Learning is such a vibrant and compelling activity that it will hopefully inspire us all to reach our goals and be the best we can be.

Miss Williams & Mr Batchelor

Year 3 Curriculum Themes

Autumn Term

Our first learning topic is 'Healthy Bodies, Healthy Minds.' The driver subject is Science, but we will also look at the history of the Olympics and in Art and Design we will be designing our favourite smoothie! We can't wait to taste those heavenly creations.

After half term we will study the locality of Ormskirk 'Our World.' The children will investigate the geography and history of the school and the local environment.

Spring Term

During the Spring Term the children eagerly learn lots of exciting, new things about 'Explorers.' In English, they read a range of stories by the author Simon Bartram. After looking at fictional explorers, they will be learning about the pilot, Amy Johnson.

Spring 2 is time to join the 'Animal Kingdom.' We will be learning about the lifecycles of animals, and using our knowledge to create information texts.

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Summer Term

The Summer Term theme is *'We are Scientists'*. The focus for reading and writing will be riddles, classic poems and story writing. Through the wider curriculum, the children will explore a range of different fruit inspired art work. They will also study plants—how they grow and mature.

The topic for the second half of the Summer Term is *'We are Creative'*. We will be comparing seaside holidays from the past and present. We will also be developing the children's skills of working with textiles to create some fabulous seaside collages.

Year 3 PE

Classes 7 & 8 will have PE sessions on *Thursday* afternoons, which will be based around gymnastics and athletics to tie in with our Olympic theme. We would like the children to come *in to school* in their full school PE kit on Thursdays, with their school jumper/ cardigan over the top to keep them warm during the school day. Trainers or black pumps should also be worn with the PE kit.



The children are given their spelling and homework on Friday:

- Weekly English & Maths tasks (on Class Charts)
- Spellings (linked to Phonics and the Year 3-4 Curriculum Spelling List)

Homework is handed in on Wednesday.

Spelling tests and times table tests are on Friday.

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Equipment for Year 3

Please can we ask all school uniform, book bags and coats to be clearly labelled please!

Please can we also ask that school book bags be used, due to limited space in the cloakrooms.

Colouring books and pencil cases for wet play are most welcome.

Please send in water bottles every day, so your child can stay hydrated—this will help their brains work at the optimum level.

Communication

It is extremely important for the staff, parents and pupils to work in partnership. We will be posting daily on our Twitter feeds (@Class7KW and @Class8DB), because we want to share the fabulous learning from your children. We will also provide half termly Knowledge Organisers, emails for important reminders and Reading Diaries will continue to be sent home weekly.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to contact us through the school office. We want to make this year as exciting and as inspiring to all our children as possible and your continued support will help make this an amazing year.

Warmest regards,

The Year 3 Staff

Miss Williams, Mr Batchelor & Mrs Kershaw