



Year 3
Welcome Letter
2024 - 25

Welcome!

Welcome to Year 3 and to Sycamore class! We are very excited to teach this class and are looking forward to the wonderful adventures we are going to have together in the juniors! The children have made a fantastic start to the year. They have quickly settled back into the school routines and love being back with all their friends to play with at playtime.

This newsletter will outline our learning for this term, the routines that we will have and the topics for the remainder of the year. However, more detail about each subject can be found on our website. We've also included a timetable to help as there are lots of things for you to remember too!

Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions or queries. You can do this via email, through the school office or in person at the end of the day.

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Forest School Dates are on
the Forest School page

Year 3 Topics

Autumn 1 (03.09.24 – 17.10.24)	Spring 1 (06.01.25 – 14.02.25)	Summer 1 (22.04.25 – 23.05.25)
Paddington's adventures	Rock and Roll	The Romans
Autumn 2 (28.10.24 – 20.12.24)	Spring 2 (24.02.25 – 04.04.25)	Summer 2 (03.06.25 – 18.07.25)
Dalmatians	Magic and Mayhem!	How does your garden grow?



Weekly Timetable

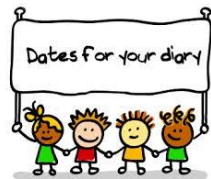
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Bring in your reading book and record in in class every day				
PE			Homework Due In	Spelling Test / Times tables test / New Spellings
			Reading Records checked	Homework Set
			Forest School	



Year 3 Routines



Entering / Exiting (KS2 Yard)	Cloakroom	Snacks
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Gates open at 8:35am (there is no school led supervision) • Doors open at 8:45am • Home Time is at 3:30pm (Children must tell their teacher who they are leaving with) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each child has their own peg for personal belongings, such as their coat, bag, PE kit & Forest School Kit (on set day). 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Children are allowed to bring in a healthy snack (i.e. fruit or cereal bar) for morning / afternoon playtime. This should remain in their coat pocket / tray (not lunchbox) until eaten. • No chocolate or crisps permitted. • Please note that we are a nut-free school due to the severe allergies that we have.
Packed Lunch	Reading	Homework
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • If your child brings in a healthy packed lunch, this will be placed in the Year 3 area outside the dining hall. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Each child is expected to bring their reading book and reading record into school every day and have these on their desk. • We ask parents to sign the reading record books, when children have read at home. • Our Year 3 target is for each child to read daily. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Homework and spellings will be set every Friday and due in the following Thursday. • Homework books must be in school by each Friday so that new homework and spellings can be stuck in. 

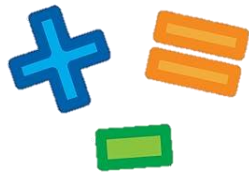


Key Events for Autumn 1: 03.09.24 - 17.10.24

Roald Dahl Day	Cauliflower Cards - Out	Individual Photos
Friday 13th September <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children can come to school dressed as their favourite Roald Dahl character and bring in their favourite book.	Wednesday 18th September <ul style="list-style-type: none">It's that time again! We will create our designs for Christmas Cards and send these out to you.	Wednesday 25th September <ul style="list-style-type: none">All children will have their individual photo taken.
Non-Uniform Day	Macmillan Coffee Morning	Cauliflower Cards - Returned
Thursday 26th September <ul style="list-style-type: none">Children can come to school in their own clothes. All we ask is for a donation of cakes / biscuits for our Macmillan Coffee Morning.	Friday 27th September <ul style="list-style-type: none">Please join our coffee morning for delicious treats! All proceeds are donated to Macmillan Cancer Support.	Friday 27th September <ul style="list-style-type: none">If you would like to place an order with Cauliflower Cards, please have forms returned by this date.



Our Learning this half term



Our topic for the first half term is 'Paddington's Adventures.' Throughout this half term, we will be focussing on:

English: Our focus is going to be on Paddington Bear. First, we will begin by exploring the adventure story "A Bear Called Paddington" by Michael Bond and using this text to inspire us to create our own narrative, before moving on to create an information text with lots of information on London landmarks.

Maths: Place Value & Addition and Subtraction

Science: Light – Why do we need light? How are shadows formed and why do they change?

Geography: London – What are the human and physical features of London? Why is London a good capital city?

Computing: Connecting Computers – Why are networks important?

PE: Rugby – How can we improve our teamwork and apply tactics to team games?

RE: Christianity – What makes a good leader? What is a role model?

PSHE: Feelings & Emotions – How do different emotions make us feel?

DT: Food – What makes a healthy sandwich? What techniques do I need to make bread?





Homework



Each **Friday**, your child will be set two homework tasks to complete, one focussing on spellings and one on maths. The activities will be stuck in their homework books and will be due in on the following **Thursday**. Please ensure that homework books are in school every Friday so new homework can be stuck in.

Spellings: Every Friday, we will share ten words linked to a spelling rule that we will practice in class. These may also include the common exception words relevant to your child's learning. These words will be stuck into their homework books for them to practice on the page. There will be a spelling test the following Friday for the children to show what they have learnt.

Times tables: Every Friday, your child will complete a times table test. The times table they need to practise will change as they progress, but their goal is to beat their previous score. This information will be in their homework book along with an activity to complete. Your child will practise their times tables in school, but it would benefit them to practise at home too which they can do on Times Table Rockstars. The more practise they get, the easier they will find it to recall their times tables. The government specify certain times tables are to be learnt by children in particular year groups:

- Year 2: 2x, 5, 10x tables
- Year 3: 3x, 4x, 8x tables

Reading: Please ensure that your child has their reading book and reading record with them in school every day.



PE

All children **MUST** have their PE Kit in a draw string bag that is kept in school on their peg. It will be sent home to be washed and size checked each half term.

P.E. Kit

white round neck t-shirt

black shorts

black pumps (indoor)

plain black trainers (outdoor) - these may be brought in each week

plain black tracksuit bottoms / leggings (outdoor)

* **plain black** tracksuit top (outdoor)

drawstring pump bag

* = optional

Note- watches and earrings must be removed for PE and long hair must be tied back

We could be **indoors** or **outdoors**, depending on the weather.



This half term, our PE day is **Monday**.

Forest School



When it is our Forest School day, children will come to school in their “**Essential Forest School Kit**”.



On colder days children can also wear their own school jumper or cardigan if they wish (weather dependant).

On our Forest School days, children should bring their outdoor footwear – wellies/boots and waterproofs in a bag to change into.

Forest School Dates: Thursday 12th September, Thursday 19th September, Thursday 26th September, Thursday 3rd October, Thursday 10th October & Thursday 17th October

Essential Forest School Kit – all children **MUST** bring the correct kit on their allocated day.

- plain black full legged tracksuit bottoms or leggings (no logos or stripes),
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top ****new** (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- School shoes / **black** trainers (to wear inside school)
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

School Uniform



Forest School – years 1-6

Girls

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt or cardigan
- white polo shirt
- green checked skirt / pinafore or plain black skirt / pinafore
- * black trousers
- white or black socks / black tights
- black school shoes
- * bottle green and white checked dress for summer

Boys

- school logo bottle green sweatshirt
- white polo shirt
- black school trousers
- white or black socks
- black school shoes
- * black school shorts for summer

P.E. Kit

- white round neck t-shirt
- black shorts
- black pumps (indoor)
- * plain black trainers (outdoor)
- drawstring pump bag

- plain black tracksuit bottoms/leggings
- plain black long sleeved quick dry logo top **new (* short sleeved in summer)
- waterproof coat
- * waterproof suit or trousers
- boots / wellies
- spare socks
- hat and gloves / cap (weather dependant)

Extras

- * bottle green school book bag
- * bottle green school logo coat
- * bottle green school logo fleece
- * named water bottle
- * green small logo ruck sack

NO jeans **NO** trainers or boots

NO jewellery, make-up or nail varnish

NO extreme hair cuts - long hair must be tied back
(watch and plain stud earrings only)

* = optional