

Class 3

STAFF

Mr Thorpe – Class Teacher
Mrs Patterson – Teaching Assistant

Welcome back everyone!



I hope you all had a wonderful Christmas and a very happy New Year. It has been lovely to welcome the children back after the break. Myself and Mrs Patterson are really looking forward to the Spring term ahead. There are no staff changes this term. Mr Thorpe will continue to teach the children, with Mrs Patterson supporting as Teaching Assistant. Mrs Hazel will also continue to teach the children on Thursday afternoons for Forest School.

TIMES OF THE DAY



8:40am	Classroom doors open.
8:55am	Registration
9:00am	Morning lessons begin
10:45 – 11am	Break
12:00 – 1:00pm	Lunch
3:15pm	School finishes

EQUIPMENT



You will need to provide some of your own equipment in Class 3. This is what you will need – please make sure it fits in one named pencil case that fits into your tray.

- Good quality HB pencils
- Selection of coloured pencils. No gel pens or anything 'smelly'!
- Small pencil sharpener

Remember to make sure all your equipment (uniform and equipment) is named so we can return it to you if it gets lost! It is really important that each child uses their own equipment!

IMPORTANT DAYS



Forest School - Thursday
PE – Friday

Children will need suitable clothing for Forest School available on Monday, and PE kit for Friday. With the colder weather, coats are a must every day. Scarves, hats and gloves are optional, but

HOMEWORK



Homework will continue to be handed out on Friday, with a hand in date of Wednesday. This will consist of one piece of maths, one piece of English and reading. The maths the children will be given will be a repeat or recap of work they have done in class and closely follows the scheme of work we use in school. The English will either be a piece of spelling, punctuation and grammar work, or a piece of reading comprehension. Reading is expected to be done every day and at least once over the weekend.

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SNACKS AND DRINKS



Children can bring a snack for break time, please make sure it is a healthy one. Please remember that we are a nut free school. Children will also need a named water bottle to keep in class. We please ask that only water is in the drinks bottle. However, you are more than welcome to add a slice of fruit to give it flavor.

SCIENCE This Our Science topic this term is *Living Things and Their Habitats*. Children will explore the diversity of life on Earth, learn how animals and plants adapt to their environments, and understand how habitats are interconnected. This will include practical activities such as observing local wildlife and exploring classification

MATHS

In Maths, Year 3 children will be developing their understanding of multiplication and division, exploring length and perimeter, learning about fractions, and measuring mass and capacity. Year 4 will continue to build on these skills, with a particular focus on multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, and decimals. Lessons will include problem-solving activities to encourage reasoning and real-life application of their maths knowledge.



LITERACY

This term, our literacy lessons will be inspired by *Into the Forest* by Anthony Browne and *Jelly Boots, Smelly Boots* by Michael Rosen. Using these texts, children will explore creative writing in a variety of forms, including poetry, advice notes, and diary entries. They will learn to express their ideas clearly, experiment with language, and develop their own imaginative stories. Reading comprehension will continue to be an important focus, with weekly sessions on Fridays to build understanding, inference skills, and enjoyment of texts.

Geography

In Geography, children will be learning about the Amazon Rainforest and rainforests across the globe. They will investigate the plants, animals, and people that inhabit these unique ecosystems, as well as the importance of rainforest conservation. In Art, the focus will be on insects, encouraging children to study patterns, shapes, and colours in the natural world. They will experiment with different artistic techniques to create detailed and imaginative representations of insects.

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And Finally....

Whilst the new year can be very exciting it can make some children anxious. If you ever need to speak to Mr Thorpe about anything troubling your child, do not hesitate to ask for a meeting.

'From small beginnings come great things' Parable of The Mustard Seed'