

# Welcome to Year 3

## A guide for parents, carers & children



This booklet has been made by the Year 3 team to provide you with information about who we are, what we will be teaching your child and how you can help them at home. If there is anything that you want to ask or talk to us about then please get in touch and we will be happy to help.



## The Year 3 Team



Mr Bailes



Mrs Elliot

## The Year 3 Classroom



## Aims of Year 3



- To enjoy learning a broad and balanced curriculum.
- To build on learning from previous year groups.
- To ensure everyone uses their previous phonics knowledge to become confident readers.
- To develop independence to take forward into Key Stage 2.

## How you can help your child in Year 3

The most important thing you can do to help your child to learn is to read with them at home regularly.

Try and read as much as possible (try and aim for 20 minutes) and record it in their reading records.

Spellings will be given out each term and are taught discretely on a Monday morning.

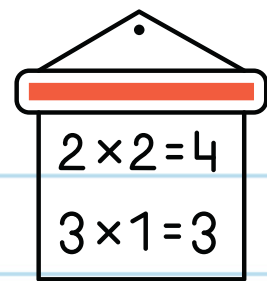
Children use these spellings to write sentences in a dictation lesson, rather than a traditional spelling test.

Children will be given a login for Times Tables Rockstars (TTRS) and this will be set as maths homework each week to help with rapid recall on multiplication facts.

<https://trockstars.com/>

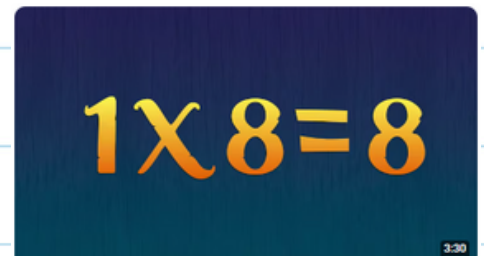


# Times tables



In Year 3, most children should come up being confident with the 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

We learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables in the first half of Year 3 and the 6 and 9 times tables in the second half. We like to make use of catchy songs on YouTube to help us.



<https://www.timestables.co.uk/>

This site includes interactive exercises and tests as well as test printouts.

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/>

This site has a range of interactive games for both KS1 and KS2.

## Expectations

Year 3 is an important transitional year for children as they move into KS2 and into a new part of the school.

Year 3 pupils are expected to:

- Try their hardest in all lessons.
- Set an example to KS1 children by following school rules in the classroom and around school.
- Read at home every night for 20 minutes and record evidence of this in their reading record with a signature from a parent / carer.

## Attendance

Our school attendance target is 96% or above. Good attendance is crucial.

Poor attendance can have a huge impact on future life chances. 96% equates to 7 days off over the course of the year. It is very important that children arrive at school promptly!

# The school day in Year 3



PE days will be Monday and Friday.

The school doors will be opened at 8:40am and are kept open until 9am. Children will now enter through the KS2 door at the back of the building.

When they come in, children have the opportunity to enjoy a breakfast bagel and some quiet time reading.

Lunch orders are taken and registration takes place at 9am.

Morning break takes place at 10:30am - 10:45am.

Lunch takes place at 12:00pm. to 1:00 pm

Children finish school at 3:15pm and are walked around by their teacher to be dismissed out the front of school.

## Wider school life:

Year 3 enjoy exciting topics in History such as Stone Age to Bronze Age and Ancient Greece.

Children have the opportunity to visit The Great North Museum (Hancock Museum). We also go swimming as part of the PE curriculum in the Summer term.



## Year 3 learning



### English

In Year 3, we complete 2 SPaG lessons, 2 Guided Reading lessons and 4 English lessons (which mostly focus on writing skills) per week.

Lots of skills are rehearsed and applied throughout the year, with lots of opportunities to encourage reading aloud.

### Maths

Maths in Year 3 follows a concrete, pictorial, abstract model. Children will have access to a wide range of concrete resources to aid their understanding and explain their thinking.

Children will first focus on developing their fluency in number including place value and the four operations before moving onto problem solving.

For more information about our curriculum, please visit the school website.

<https://www.stjohnboscosunderland.org.uk/our-curriculum/curriculum-maps/>

