



Welcome to Year 3



Year 3 Department



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PE staff

Tricks & Flicks

Settling back to school



The wellbeing of our children is of the utmost importance to us and we will be ensuring extra time is spent to settle the children into their new class. It is particularly important this year in light of enforced absences from school. We know and appreciate all the work that parents have completed with their children over the last 18 months but we do realise that there may be a little extra learning and consolidation needed of key skills. We continue to appreciate your support in reading with your child at home and helping with homework tasks.

In the Autumn Term, there will be a greater emphasis on spellings, reading, writing and maths.

However, we do recognise the importance of a broad and balanced curriculum and therefore we will continue to teach the foundation subjects.

What do I do if my child is ill?



If your child is unwell it is very important that they are kept off school until they are fully recovered.

If your child is displaying symptoms of COVID-19 (see below), they have to be tested and if that test returns negative, they will be able to return to school. If that test returns positive, follow the government guidelines.

Symptoms of COVID-19 in children:

- A temperature
- New and continuous cough
- Stomach ache
- Sickness and diarrhoea

Routines



When does school start?

The school gates are opened at 8.45am for the children to enter school, registration is at 8.55am.

What time does school finish?

The school gates are opened at 3.25pm for a 3.30pm finish.

Safety

Children will still be asked to frequently wash hands and all procedures will be explained.

All classes are ventilated with doors and windows opened wherever possible.

What should my child bring to school?

Please do not bring in a bag. All your children will need is one named water bottle (plastic not glass) and their packed lunch/snack. Pencil cases are not necessary - all equipment is provided by school.

Please ensure you do not send anything in from home (including toys).



PE Kits and Daily Mile



On the day that your child's class has PE, they must come into school in their PE kit for the whole day. **Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings, bracelets or necklaces on PE days.**

What day is PE?

PE in Year 3 will take place on a Tuesday (swimming) and Wednesday.

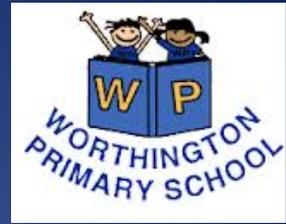
What is the correct PE kit?

PE Kit: PE lessons will be taking place outside or in the hall. The children must wear a white round neck t-shirt with either blue shorts or blue track suit bottoms. They can also bring an unbranded navy tracksuit top/jumper. They can wear trainers or pumps. Please, no football kits or gymnastic leotards. Please make sure that your child does not wear earrings on PE days and long hair must be tied back.

What day is the Daily Mile?

The daily mile will take place on a Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure that children wear a pair of trainers on these days.

Swimming



When is swimming?

Year 3 will be going swimming on a Tuesday morning.

What does my child need to wear?

On Tuesdays, please send your child in their PE kit. They need to bring their swimming kit in a separate bag. This should include:

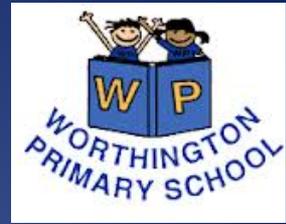
- A towel
- One-piece swimsuit or tight-fitting shorts/trunks – no bikinis or baggy shorts/shorts with pockets.

On the first visit, the children will be provided with a swim cap and will bring this home. Please write their name on it in permanent marker/sharpie pen, so that the swim coaches can identify the children in the water.

Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings, bracelets or necklaces on swimming day.



What are the uniform rules?



Hair

Long hair must be tied up and no large bows/headbands should be worn.

Jewellery

Stud earrings only – no hooped earrings.

No necklaces/bracelets, other than ones worn for religious reasons. Do not wear ANY jewellery on PE days, please.

Shoes

Proper black school shoes should be worn on non-PE/Daily Mile days – no trainers/boots.

PE Kit

PE Kit is a plain white t-shirt, plain navy shorts or jogging bottoms and a plain navy hoodie – children should not wear their school jumper/cardigan for PE.



Homework and Reading Books



When will reading books be sent home?

Your child will be given 2 reading books from their current book band each week. In addition, they will also be able to choose a library book to take home every 2 weeks.

Your child will have a Reading Journal with a reading record inside. This is for parents/carers to note when the children have read and make any comments.

Books and Reading Journals will be taken between home and school in a clear plastic reading bag provided by the teacher.

In Year 3, the children should be aiming to read for 10-15 minutes every day.

When will homework be set?



Your child will change their books and be set a homework task on **THURSDAYS**. The homework will need to be completed (in their Reading Journal) and brought back in the following **WEDNESDAY**.

The homework tasks will be selected each week from a task sheet that will be stuck in your child's Reading Journal. They will be short, manageable, hopefully fun tasks which encourage children to reflect on what they have read and to deepen their understanding. **Please discuss the books and tasks with your child and encourage them to complete the tasks to a high standard.**

The tasks will be marked by being given one, two or 3 stars – these will be awarded based on effort and presentation. Children will be able to choose a prize when they get to 20 stars!

Intervention



Throughout the year, your child may attend an intervention group. This is to provide extra input in certain curriculum areas, such as literacy and numeracy.

Intervention is not only to help some children to meet their age related expectations, but also to stretch children working at greater depth.

How can I help my child at home?



Reading **every day** with your child is the best way to help them advance in ALL curriculum areas. Try to involve reading in every day tasks and not just with their reading book – get them to read road signs, recipes, menus etc.

Learning times tables is also massively important, especially as there is a national standardized times table test now being done at the end of Year 4. This helps your child access all areas of the Maths curriculum. On the following page are links to fun games and useful websites you can use for free.

How can I help my child at home?



<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/times-tables> - Hit The Button is a particular favourite and you can set it to a specific times table so you can work on one at a time, if needed.

Times Table Rock Stars - <https://trockstars.com/>

Your child's log in for this will be stuck into their Reading Journal

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/> - Reading Resources

How do I log on to Edmodo?



If you have not already set up an Edmodo login for your child and joined the Year 3 Edmodo page, please see the letter sent out in July which introduced the Year 3 Teachers – all details are included. Any problems, please just ask.

Your username and password is something you set up yourself, so the teachers cannot help if you lose or forget the details!

We will use Edmodo to share pictures, post useful websites and games and we will also put the spellings on the page every Monday, so your child can practice their spellings at home.

Reward systems in our classes



Each class has a behaviour ladder where children's names are moved up and down, based on effort and attitude to learning. The ladder is re-set at the end of each day, so everyone has a fresh start each day.

We will also be giving out whole class rewards, based on a whole class target. This will result in 'Golden Time' for the class at various points throughout the year.

Exciting new ventures



Smart School Council

We are changing how our school council works this year, using Smart School Council to ensure that all children in all classes get to have their voices heard. Regular meetings will be hosted in each class, with different children taking turns to run the meetings. Classes will vote on a variety of issues and action groups will be formed (using different children each time) to organise the events that have been voted for.

Exciting new ventures



My Happy Mind

We have introduced a program to all year groups at school called My Happy Mind which is designed to develop the mental wellbeing of children. It is all based around helping children to understand how their brain works and to support them in building resilient, balanced and happy minds and developing positive skills and habits .

To further embed this learning and ensure that you are able to engage in these topics with your child, My Happy Mind has developed a set of resources for parents. These resources can be accessed online on your computer, or through an app on your phone.

Please look out for a letter on parent pay which gives you instructions for downloading the myHappymind parent app.

Year 3 Performance!



As we are now able to sing again, we are delighted to announce that Year 3 children will be putting on a Harvest Performance on October 13th (PM) and 14th (AM). Parents will be invited to attend and full details will be sent out in due course.



Thank you for taking the time to read this information.

If you have any questions not answered within these slides, please just speak to your child's class teacher.

We hope you enjoy Year 3!