



Moving into Key Stage 2

Curriculum

In Year 3, the pupils continue to follow the National Curriculum, but the number of objectives and amount of work they cover increases. Pupils are expected to take even greater responsibility for their own learning and the pace of learning accelerates. They may spend more time on independent learning activities. For more detail about the Key Stage 2 curriculum, please look at the school website in the Teaching & Learning section.

Accelerated Reader

During their time in Year 3, the children are introduced to a system called Accelerated Reader which helps them with their reading and comprehension. Our Parents' Guide to the system can be found on the school website in the Parents section.

Transition

The children will be spending two days with their new teachers on Tues 15th and Wed 16th July. This will be a great opportunity for staff and pupils to get to know each other, begin to establish relationships and expectations.

The Year 3 teachers and teaching assistants visit Year 2 children in their classrooms to read stories and get to know them. Teachers have handover meetings where pupil information about learning, medical and any special needs are passed on.

Home learning

Home learning in Year 3 is a continuation of reading, spelling and consolidation of number facts, as per Year 2. In addition, Key Stage 2 have what is known as a 'Home Learning Menu'. This gives pupils a choice of activities related to the curriculum. Tasks on the Home Learning Menu vary in length and completion time. We encourage pupils to think about how tasks fit in with their family life and their interests. Pupils choose one task to complete each week from a wide range of activities across the wider curriculum, linked to their termly topic. Some children like to complete all the tasks. Our full Home Learning Policy is on the school website in the policies section. Half-termly homework menus are also available on the school website in the Homework Menus and Learning Links section.

From Year 3, pupils have a login to Athletics, where they can complete any maths tasks set by the class teachers. In addition, pupils are expected to frequently access Times Table Rock Stars to practise their recall of multiplication and division facts.

Breaks and lunchtimes

Year 3 children have lunch from 11.45am to 12.35pm. Pupils have a morning break at 10.30am and an afternoon break at 2.00pm. Although the free fruit scheme no longer runs, you may provide your child with a healthy snack if you wish, (No sweets, crisps or nuts please). Children in Key Stage 2 no longer automatically get a universal infant free school meal. Those who remain eligible for a free school meal based on income related criteria continue to receive them and this information remains confidential.

PE kit

Children should come to school in their PE kits on their allocated PE days. A Key Stage 2 sports shirt is available from Aubyn Davis. This is not compulsory but has proven popular and looks very smart when pupils take part in school competitions and fixtures. Pupils should wear shorts/jogging bottoms and trainers or plimsolls. Please make sure all items are labelled. Children are expected to be responsible for their kit and to look after their belongings carefully.

Key Stage Leader

Mr Wells is the Key Stage 2 Leader. He is part of the school Senior Leadership Team (SLT) and is responsible for Years 3, 4, 5 and 6. He works with the Senior Leadership Team to make strategic decisions about Key Stage 2. There is a message board available in the cloakroom for day to day matters or parents can contact the school office. For any other issues, the class teacher is the first point of contact. For more serious or unresolved issues Mr Wells can be contacted, via the school office.