



# Welcome to Year 3

This booklet is intended to give families an overview of the Year 3 timetable and routines and other information specific to Year 3. Your child will need your support to familiarise themselves with the new routines in September, so please read this booklet together.

## Teaching Staff

If you wish to discuss anything or have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Year 3 Teachers:

**Miss Townley and Mrs Gordon**

In Lower Key Stage 2 we are also very lucky to have the following teaching assistants who will also work alongside your children and will be happy to help with any questions you may have:

**Mrs Hardy, Mrs Dunne & Miss Mc Gregor**

We look forward to working with you and your child over the coming year.

## Routine



School starts at 8:45  
Morning break is 10:30am – 10:45am  
Lunchtime starts at 12:15pm  
Lunchtime finishes at 1:00pm  
School finishes at 3:15pm



## Dress Code

A reminder that only a watch and stud earrings may be worn for school— this is for the safety of all children. We also ask that all children come to school wearing school shoes. Please ensure that all of your child's uniform, including their coat, is clearly named. Please could you also ensure that hair is tied up in a bobble. Please also ensure your child has a school book bag, as big bags will not fit in our lockers. Please look at the school uniform policy for more information.

## Holidays in Term Time

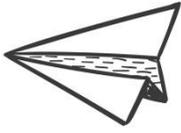
We endeavour to stay open at all times because we want to make every day count. We can authorise absence for some circumstances, but we cannot authorise absence for holidays. A form (which can be found on our website or the entrance hall) needs to be completed for any requests. It is parents' duty to have their child attending school and fines could be issued.

## Communication

If your child is unable to come to school please call the school office and leave a message. If your child is not in school and we don't receive a call/message our Welfare Officer will call you to find out if our child is safe. Our school newsletter is sent home every week and it is important that all families read about any important dates, notices and other information. The newsletter can also be found on our school website. Each class also has a Twitter account and this is a great way to keep up to date with what is happening in your child's class. Our Twitter account is @OldEarthYear3. You may also want to follow our school Twitter feed which is @OldEarthSchool. In the Junior classes each child will have a Boomerang book and this should be brought to school every day. Please inform us immediately if you do not wish your child to be on social media.



## Lining up/dismissal



We encourage children to walk round the atrium building into the junior yard and line up in a morning. Your child's teacher will come and collect the children at 8:45am. We have shown the children where to line up on Transition Morning.

Your child will be dismissed from your child's class fire door at home time. If you are unsure where to go, please stand where you did in Year 2 and the teachers will direct you. After school/Before School Club children will be collected/delivered by their staff.

## Homework

Your child will be given homework each week. Parents/carers are asked to help their children with the homework task if necessary. It is anticipated that no homework should last more than 30 minutes but if your child appears to be struggling, please let us know! At times we may give an additional piece of homework related to the topic work if appropriate. Most homework will still be set electronically to ensure children remain familiar with our online platforms.

Homework will be given on a **Monday**. It is due the following **Monday**.



**Literacy:** Literacy Shed and Spelling tasks.

**Numeracy:** Times table work.

**Topic:** Termly project based on current topic

## Parents' Evening

There will be three opportunities throughout the year for formal and informal meetings. Parents and teachers will be able to discuss pastoral and academic progress and targets will be shared. In addition, an annual written report will be sent home in the final half-term.



## Areas of Learning/ Topics

We have planned to cover the following topics this year:

Autumn Term: The Stone Age

Spring Term: Ancient Egypt

Summer Term: Local Area/Brazil

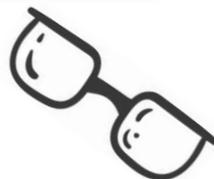


Note, however that these may sometimes change due to world events

## Reading

Please try to listen to your child read as often as possible (ideally every day) and comment on your child's reading in their Reading Record. Children **MUST** complete a test at school before changing their book.

Furthermore, please ensure your child's reading book and record are in school **every day** so we can hear your child read as often as possible. Parent reading helpers are always welcome!

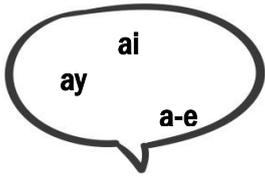


## Handwriting



In Year 3 there will be a formal lesson to teach the correct letter formation and additional support where needed. Please encourage best handwriting in all work.

## Phonics



Still encourage the use of phonics for reading and spelling. However, please correct incorrect spellings with your child. Our school website has various sites to support learning through phonics. Some children will continue to receive Little Wandle Intervention in Year 3.

## Spellings

Children will be given a weekly spelling quiz. Please encourage children to practise their spelling at home. These will be stuck into your child's Spelling Book on a Monday. The quiz will be each Friday and books will be sent home at the weekend to celebrate your child's score.



## Numeracy



In Year 3 we have a big push on times tables and telling the time and we would appreciate parent support with this. Children will remain with their class teacher for their Maths lessons and work will be differentiated appropriately.

## Swimming

Swimming will now take place in Year 4, so there will be no formal swimming lessons until the next academic year. Please encourage your child to become familiar with the swimming baths if this is something that families could support in their spare time.



## Being Healthy

A healthy snack is usually available at most break times, although children may bring their own. This **MUST** be a healthy snack, such as fruit etc.

Children should bring a labelled water bottle to school. This will be sent home each Friday.



## PE

Our outdoor PE lessons are on a Monday (weather depending). Please make sure PE kits are always kept in school. We will send home each half term to be washed. Please ensure your child's kit is labelled.



**Indoor PE kit:** house t-shirt, pumps and shorts.

**Outdoor PE kit:** house t-shirt, plain track-suit bottoms, warm jumper and trainers.

Please ensure your child has removed their stud earrings and has socks for outdoor PE.