

Welcome to Year 3!

Spreading your wings into Y3!



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Here you will find out what life is like in Year Three and lots of useful information to make your Year Three time a happy and contented one!

In Y3, you will be with...



Mrs Evans
Class Teacher



Mrs Dutton
Class Teaching
Assistant
Mrs Dutton works Mon,
Tues and Fri until 12
and all day Wednesday
& Thursday



Mrs Britton
PPA Cover
Tuesdays from 12-
3.15

Meet your teacher!



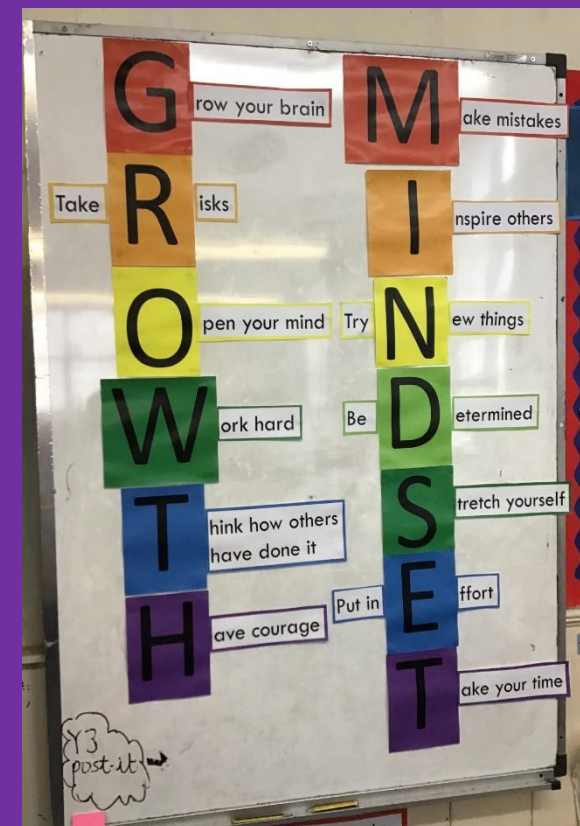
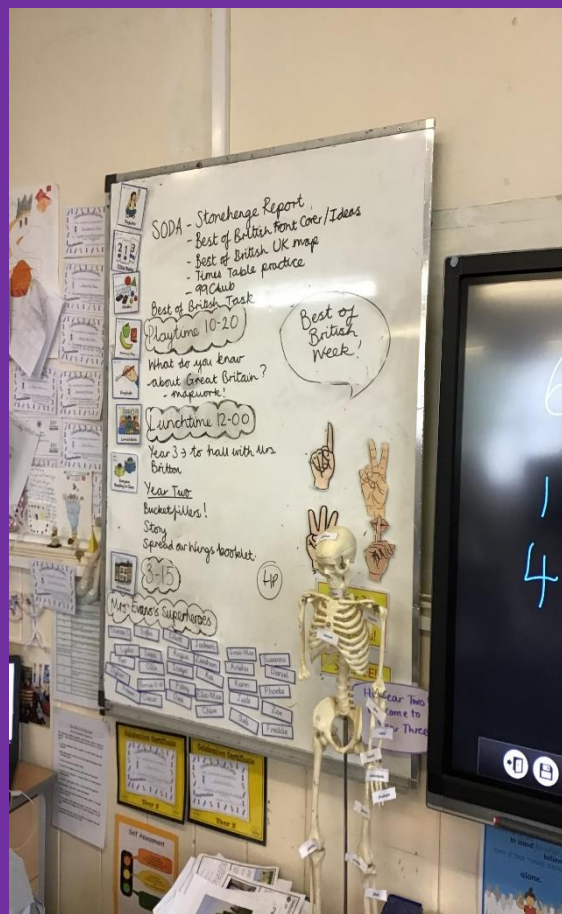
Mrs Evans
Class Teacher

Hello! It was great to meet the class in the summer term for our transition sessions and I am looking forward to getting to know you more and having lots of fun (which was one of your questions you asked me when you visited!)

For parents - here's a little bit of info about me! I've been at Holy Trinity for 11 years and have taught for 15 years. I started at Holy Trinity in Year One before moving to Year Three in 2016. I enjoy many aspects of being a teacher but having fun and building relationships with the children, and seeing them flourish is probably one of my highlights! I am currently English lead of the school and have led many after school activities from Athletics to Gardening.

When I am not being Mrs Evans, you will find me walking my black lab Seve, running or trailing around Cheltenham, supporting Fulham FC or gardening! This year I will be running the London Marathon in October for hospice care.

This is what our Y3 classroom looks like



Year 3 is also the first year of KS2 so there are a few changes from your time in KS1.

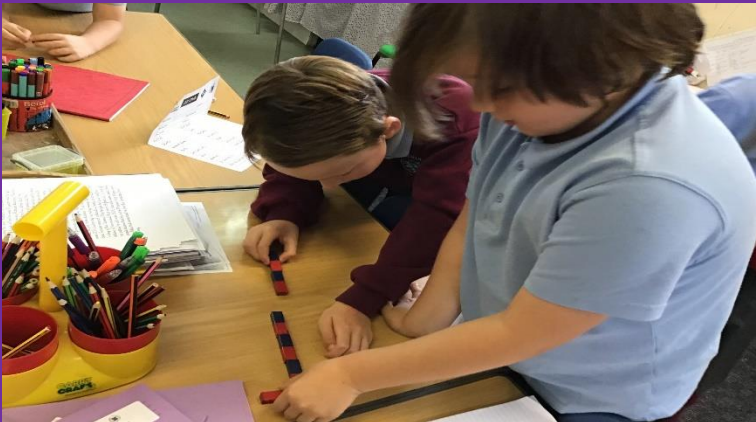
We still do the same learning in the morning like Y2, so that will be Maths and English and in the afternoons we will be learning other subjects such as Science, P.E, R.E, Art, Music, PSHE and through our Y3 topics:

Autumn Term - Awesome Egyptians!

Spring Term - Stars and Stripes - a journey across the USA

Summer Term - From Stone Age to Iron Age

Here's a taster...





A Typical Y3 Day!

8.55-9.15 SODA (Start of the Day Activities) - this includes independent reading, spelling practice, times tables practice, some 1:1 support on specific targets

9.15-10.30 - Number Sense & Maths

10.30-10.45 - Morning Break

10.45-11.30 - Reading/SPAG (Spelling and Grammar)/Handwriting

11.30-11.40 - Movement Break

11.40-12.40 - English

12.45-1.30 - Lunch

1.30-1.50 - Register and Calm Time

1.50-3.00 - Afternoon Learning: Topic, Science, P.E, Art, French, Computing, D&T, PSHCE

3.00- 3.15 - Class Read/End of Day discussion/Hometime preparation

A change from KS1 is that we will finish the day at 3.15pm

New subject- French!

Whole School Worship 15 minutes daily, Class Worship once a week

Are you ready?

Starting the school day being organised and ready for the day really helps make the day go smoothly...and even more so for this year ahead, as we go back to our usual routines in school.

Now in KS2 and to get back into some 'normality', please encourage your child to be more independent in getting themselves ready as they get themselves ready to learn independently in school.

Equipment needed - Have they got their school bag ready? Homework done for homework hand in days? Home Reader ready to hand in? Water bottle? Packed lunch or if school dinners, (when they start) do they know the choices? Swimming kit? PE days - Have they got the right clothes for this?

Enough sleep - The NHS recommendations for a 7 year old is 10 hours and 30 minutes.

Screen time at bedtime? Try to reduce the use of screen time before bedtime (Recommendations are not to have screen time 2 hours before bedtime). The 'blue light' produced by devices actually wakes up our brains therefore reducing the amount of 'deep sleep' which can make use feel 'groggy' the next morning.

Healthy snacks/lunch box - Morning break snack needs to be a healthier snack such as a piece of fruit, low/no sugar cereal/fruit bar, yoghurt drink, breadsticks, carrot sticks. If providing snacks such as crisps/biscuits for their lunchbox, this can be eaten at lunchtime.

Our trips/visits/visitors may include...

- Literature festival - Autumn Term
- Science festival - Summer Term
- Ancient Egyptian workshop in school - Autumn Term
- Specialist Coach in for Football/Cricket sessions - Spring/Summer
- Trip to Smokey Joe's Diner - USA Topic Treat, Spring Term
- Stone Age Forest Trip - Summer Term
- 'The Dog's Trust' Visit - TBC

Swimming

As part of the PE National Curriculum, Y3 will be having weekly swimming sessions led by the swimming instructors at the Leisure@ swimming pool on Tommy Taylors Lane. These have usually taken place on Wednesday afternoon (TBC) and this year will be in the summer term.

A letter will be sent out to parents nearer the time. We do rely on parental contribution towards the swimming lessons and this will be explained in the letter.

In the first session of swimming, each child will be assessed on their confidence and knowledge of swimming safely and then grouped accordingly.

Homework Expectations

- **Reading!** In the first few days of Y3, your child will be assessed on where they are with their reading skills. From this, we will be able to get them started on reading appropriate texts. They will have a 'school reader' and a 'home reader'. If children are still reading from our phonic scheme texts from Year Two, these will be organized by Mrs Dutton. They will be given a text for home each week and will be reading texts in school independently and to an adult. Children who are 'free readers' will be able to choose their books (with guidance) from our book area in the classroom and books from our library.
- **Spellings!** Like Reading, we will use the first few days in Y3 to go over the words required to spell in Y2. Once children are secure in these and have had time to practise/recap them, we will start on the Y3 spelling words. We will be also going through a range of spelling pattern words as part of our SPAG learning (Spelling and Grammar). Words will be given out half termly and children will then be tested at the end of each half term.
- **Maths!** Once we are settled into Y3, we will have Maths homework given out on alternate Fridays - this will be a task based on the learning that has taken place in the classroom. The other Friday where homework is not set, children can practise times tables. Maths homework (not times table practice) will be handed in on FRIDAYS.
- **Topic!** This will be a selection of different tasks to be done over the whole term. Once we have started our new topic, I will send out a 'topic overview' of a range of homework tasks linked to the current topic. Homework Tasks can be handed in every WEDNESDAY.

Homework Expectations

Reading! 10-15 minutes every day - this can be independent or reading to an adult. Home reading books must be returned before a new one is taken. Children reading phonic scheme texts must bring their book in on a THURSDAY to be changed by Mrs Dutton.

Spellings! 10 minutes 3 to 4 times a week. There are a range of strategies to use to practise spellings so this doesn't always need to be a written activity. (see letter on class page detailing this) We also practise the same words in school every morning.

Maths! Tasks should take about 15-30 minutes depending on the area of Maths being covered and is always done in pencil. It is expected that your child should be able to do this mostly by themselves but some support can be given where needed. Times tables Practice - 10 minutes a day using a range of activities (see letter on class page detailing this)

Topic! Y3 homework tasks will vary in time duration and to do one task per week. Where it is a written task, this should be done in pencil and in their Topic Homework Book. Practical tasks can be photographed and put into homework book.

General Stuff!

Swimming Kit - towel, swimming costume/trunks (no bikinis/no very long shorts please), goggles (please do try and provide your child with a pair - there are goggles to use at the pool but it can take a long time sorting the straps out for them to use). Long hair must be tied back and earrings removed on the day. Recommend girls to wear trousers or long socks/skirt instead of tights as quite tricky putting them on after swimming!

PE Kit - black/navy shorts/skort, HOUSE TEAM t-shirt, pair of socks. Navy/Black joggers can be worn during the colder months. Please check everything is NAMED. We have two PE sessions a week - Tuesday and Wednesdays so remember to come dressed in PE kit. (Swimming is one of those PE sessions in the Summer Term)

Music Lessons - Your child may be having musical instrument tuition or will be starting in Y3. These lessons do take place during their learning time so where needed, your child may have use other time in the week to catch up on anything they have missed.

A reminder that KS2 are not part of the 'free fruit/veg' scheme so if you would like your child to have a morning snack, please provide a healthy option or you can pay for the school to provide your child with a piece of fruit/veg (letters will be sent)

Forest School - Y3 usually have 3 outdoor learning sessions in the Forest School over the year (one per 'long' term). These will be confirmed in each term.

Mrs Britton - Mrs Britton will continue to cover teachers' PPA time and so she will be teaching Y3 on Tuesday afternoons.

And finally...



It is perfectly normal to feel worried and nervous about coming back to school in September...be kind to yourself!

Remember, we are all starting together and will be having the same emotions - good and not so good!

There will be lots of opportunities for us to share how we are feeling when we are in the classroom and we are slowly starting to get back into our learning with lots of adult support and encouragement.

If you can't find the answer to your query about Y3 here or on our class page, or need to speak to me. My email address is jenevans@holytrinity.gloucs.sch.uk I will respond to email communications as soon as I am able to. I will respond to any weekend emails on a Monday.