

Welcome to Year 3

PARENTS MEETING

Staffing – *Subject to change*

Mr Shadbolt

Mrs Dutton

Mrs Husbands

Dominican Republic

Mexico

Spanish – Tues am

Teaching Assistants:

Mrs. Desnica (Every morning a.m.)

Mr. Knott (Mon & Weds p.m.)

Mr. Ginns-Farrow (Tues & Thurs p.m.)

Miss Dean (Friday p.m.)

Sports Coach:

Mr. Nehra

Senior leadership team

Mrs Kelly – head teacher

Mrs Griffiths – deputy head teacher

Miss Lynch – assistant head teacher

Miss Moore – assistant head teacher

Mrs Gray – EYFS leader

Mrs Mee – SENCO and KS1 phase leader

Mr Husbands – reading and KS2 phase leader

Topics

Autumn term – Stone Age to Iron Age

Spring 1 - North America

Spring 2 – The Caribbean

Summer term – Romans in Britain

Trips

Autumn 1 - 3rd November (Dom Rep) / 10th November (Mexico) – Creswell Crags @ University of Nottingham; 9am – 3:15pm.

Spring 1 – RE off-site visit to Nottingham Islamic Centre – details to be confirmed

Summer 1 – 26th May – Southwell Minster – Romans in Southwell activity day; 9am – 3:15pm

Costings for trips will be sent out via the office and can be paid for in weekly instalments.

Uniform

Please label all uniform with your child's name.

Children are expected to have a plain pair of black school shoes.

Please ensure your child does not wear any jewellery to school except for a pair of stud earrings, or anything that may be worn for religious purposes.

Children should not wear make-up or nail polish to school.

Speak to your class teacher if there are any questions or queries about uniform.

PE

PE is on Tuesday afternoons each week.

Please ensure your child has their PE kit in school every day. This includes:

- plain white t-shirt
- black or navy shorts, leggings or joggers
- trainers

Children must be able to take out their own earrings. A letter must be filled in if they need to tape them up due to having them pierced recently.

If your child has long hair, please ensure they have something to tie it up with during PE sessions.

Swimming

In the *Summer term*, Year 3 children will all go and learn how to swim at **Ken Martin leisure centre** in Bulwell.

It does not matter how much previous experience your child has of swimming – the teachers that we work with will assess them in their first sessions and put them into appropriate groups.

There is **no cost** to you for these swimming lessons; school covers all costs.

It is a **mandatory** part of your child's education; all children in the U.K. should be able to swim at least 25m before leaving Primary education.

Further details will be sent out to you towards the end of Spring term.

Behaviour policy

Positive learning will continue to be rewarded with stampers and positive behaviours with tokens.

Our behaviour policy has been updated to reflect parent, staff and children's views and will now use a class behaviour chart with gold, silver, green, orange and red – all children's names will be on this. All children will start on green at the beginning of the day and at lunchtime.

Children will move up to silver for excellent behaviour and gold for exceptional behaviours. Children on gold will go to SLT to showcase their learning, and receive a certificate home. Low-level behaviours will get two reminders and then move to orange and the child will have 5 minutes on the carpet to reflect.

If the behaviour stops, they will move back to green. If the behaviour continues, they will be sent to a partner class for 10 minutes to reflect. If the behaviour continues after this, they will move to red and get sent to a member of SLT. If they are sent to their partner class or SLT, you will be informed. If the behaviour is severe, they will go straight to red and be sent to SLT.

There are individual behaviour systems in place for those children who need it and individual class rewards such as stickers and prizes.

Steps to Success

Our steps to success remain the same as last year, focusing on one value each half-term:

teamwork, resilience, empathy, positivity, reflective and individuality.

Tokens/stampers will be awarded for displaying these values both in the classroom and around school.

There will be a house team assembly each half-term to focus on the value, and at the end of each half-term, there will be a special Star of the Week assembly, in which one child from each class will receive a certificate for demonstrating the focus value throughout the half-term. Parents of these children will be invited to celebrate with us.

Our focus for Autumn 1 is: **Teamwork.**



Reading

Children are expected to read at least three times a week and write this in their home-school organiser. This needs to be signed by an adult weekly.

F2 and Year 1– books will be changed on a Friday . Children will have read this book 3 times in school already and so should be becoming fluent with it. The book must be returned on the following Friday to be changed or the next reading group cannot take place. If the book is lost, £5 will be charged for this and your child will not be able to take another book home until it is paid for.

Year 2 and KS2 – children on phonics books up to Turquoise will have read the book in school and so should be becoming fluent with it. The book must be returned each week and be in school every day or the next reading group cannot take place. If the book is lost, £5 will be charged for this and your child will not be able to take another book home until it is paid for. Children who are on purple books or above will change their book when they have completed it.

All children will be able to take home a reading book and a choice book. The choice book is for an adult to read to them at home and the reading book is for the child to read to an adult.

Home Learning

Please continue to read regularly with your child at home. They can write in their home-school diary, but a parent/guardian needs to sign it weekly. Children need to **read at least three times** at home with a parent / carer.

Support your child with learning their spellings. We will test them on their spellings **each Friday afternoon**.

No spellings will be sent out over school holidays.

Your child's first home learning project is to create a model or replica of a Stone Age artefact. This is due on **Monday 30th December**.



Home Learning – Times Tables

At the end of **Year 4**, all children in the U.K. have to take a **mandatory** times table test to assess their knowledge of **all times tables** facts.

As such, we are starting to prepare the children for this test much earlier, and will have weekly practise tests in Year 3.

The times tables that your children need to learn this year are x3, x4 and x8 tables. We will let you know each term which we are learning.

You can help them learn these at home by allowing them to use their Times Table Rock Stars accounts to practise questions and take part in challenges.

Log-in details for your child will be stuck in the back of their home-school organiser from next week, and letters will be sent out each term to remind you of their details should you need them.

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6	12	18	24	30	36	42	48	54	6
7	14	21	28	35	42	49	56	63	7
8	16	24	32	40	48	56	64	72	8
9	18	27	36	45	54	63	72	81	9
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Project Outcomes

Each term, we will showcase our learning through 'project outcomes.'

These are celebrations of each topic that your child has studied and will include things like art, children's work, music etc.

Our first one will be held on **Tuesday 8th December** at 3:30pm in the KS2 Hall and will be a Stone Age village which you can tour to see what we have been studying in school.

Allergies

If a child develops a new allergy, please inform the school office straight away.

We are an allergy-aware school and are a nut, sesame, fish and pea-free school. This includes items such as Nutella and chocolate pancakes that contain nuts – please ensure these are not brought into school as we have children with serious allergies to them and if possible, avoid chocolate spread as most of these contain nuts, and items such as Kinder Bueno, Snickers etc. We will call you if we are unsure if something contains one of these allergens.

Children should not be sharing food due to allergies.

KS2 children can bring fresh fruit or vegetables in as a snack for break which should be kept in their tray. EYFS and KS1 have this provided.

Epi-pens – are kept in a box together in the classroom. Both epi-pens will be in the same place. Please ensure two new ones are given to school when the date runs out.

Inhalers

Inhalers – children should be on the asthma register. Please fill in the inhaler form if your child has a new diagnosis.

Inhalers are kept in a box in the classroom where children can access them. They must tell an adult when using them, and a form will be sent home to tell you they have used their inhaler.

School will inform you if your child's inhaler runs out of date or becomes empty.

Online safety

A gentle reminder that no child in Year 3 should be using **ANY** form of social media, especially unsupervised by an adult.

Please check your child's device regularly to ensure they are being safe and appropriate online and remind them that they need consent to send images of anyone else.

If any issues come into school that are online, these will be communicated to parents directly.

APPS AND THEIR AGE RATINGS

13+				16+	
	Facebook		Snapchat	 WhatsApp	
	Instagram		Twitter		
	TikTok		Kik		
	YouNow		Yubo		
	House Party		Monkey		
					

ROAs

When your children left Year 2 in July, they also took their Key Stage 1 Record of Achievement with them to celebrate everything that they had done in their first few years at school.

That means your child no longer has a Record of Achievement.

You will need to buy them a **new Key Stage 2** Record of Achievement which they will take with them all the way from Year 3 to Year 6.

We will fill this with all of the great work that they complete over the next four years at Rise Park.

Key Stage 2 RoAs cost **£2.25** and can be purchased from the **School Office**.

Questions?

Please see your teachers and TAs now if you have any further questions.

Thank you for attending.