

Frequently asked questions for Year 3

How much reading should my child do each week?

There is no set time, but we would recommend that the children read at least 15 minutes every evening if they can. If your child is reading independently, they may want to read aloud but you could check their understanding of the text by asking them questions about the characters or the events. Please feel free to write any relevant comments in your child's planner. These will be checked once a week.

Which books are the children allowed to bring home?

The children will be given a book from our book bands which they can take home with them. They will also choose a library book each week which can come home but must be returned if they would like borrow one the following week. They can also choose books to read in class from our class library, and again, these can go home but must be returned.

How often are the children heard to read?

Some children, who need a little reinforcement with their reading, will be heard every day by a teaching assistant or the teacher. Other children will read in a group as part of our Reciprocal Reading and Guided Reading programme and the teacher will focus on one group each day. We will be inviting parent readers to come in to listen to the children read as well.

I would like to help with activities in school such as reading or school trips, how do I go about this?

You will need to have a DBS in order to work with or transport children at school. Please inform the office if you would like to help with activities in school and they will give you information about how to obtain a DBS online.

If we want to talk to the class teacher about any issue, how do we communicate that we would like to speak or meet with them?

The Year 3 teachers will come to the gate at the end of each day, so if you have a query or a question, please do not hesitate to ask them. Alternatively, you could send a note in with your child which we will reply to or you can contact the school office and we will get back to you.

When do the children swim?

The children will swim in the first half of the autumn term and all of the summer term once a week, if the water is warm enough!

What if my child forgets to bring their planner home on a Friday so we are unaware of the homework for the weekend?

The children's homework is put on to the school website, usually on a Friday evening, within the Year 3 section under 'Spellings and Homework.' The Intended Learning is also available online each week.

When should the children bring their PE kit in?

The children's PE kit should remain in school during the term and we will ask the children to take their kit home at the end of each half term for a wash! The children can bring in football boots to wear on the field for Games lessons in the winter.