

Dear parents,

I'd like to take this opportunity to introduce myself as your child's Class 3 teacher. I look forward to meeting you all in person and getting to know you over the year as we work together to ensure your child has an enjoyable and successful year.

Year 3 is an important year as the pupils make the transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2. As well as a change in playground, the pupils also take up a new subject, French, and adapt to working more independently following whole class teaching.

Here are our topics for this term:

English	Story with a familiar setting Information texts Play scripts Instruction texts	Design and Technology	Photo frame
Maths	Number and place value Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division	ICT	Mixing text and graphics Scratch - programming
Religious Education	Domestic Church - Family/Homes Baptism: Belonging/Promises Advent/Christmas – loving/visitors	Geography	Europe UK Weather
Science	Rocks and fossils Light and shadows	Art	Autumn – sketching, pastels, Cezanne
History	The Vikings	Music	Viking sagas Recorders

As always, your support with your child's learning is both welcomed and encouraged. Children should take their reading book home every day and read daily. We ask that they read to an adult at least three times a week and read to themselves on the remaining days. Please record evidence of hearing your child read at home in their reading log. Pupils will have an opportunity to change their reading books on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays. Reading logs should be in school every day and will be checked on a Friday. Pupils who have read at least four times in a week will receive a sticker on the reading challenge chart, with the opportunity to earn a certificate for every five stickers.

Homework is set on a Thursday and will involve spellings, times tables and a maths task related to our learning in class. The times tables will be tested on Tuesday and the spellings on Thursday. The aim with the spellings is that pupils practise the words from the core list over several days and complete the activity. The extension list is optional.

In addition to this, you may wish to visit the library to borrow books related to our topics to encourage your child's enthusiasm and increase their topic-related vocabulary. Mathletics and E-Bug books are still available and your child should have their log on information so they can access extra reading and maths and build on what they're learning at school.

I will include upcoming dates for the diary with the weekly homework sheets so look out for key dates there. I'd like to remind you that PE will be on Monday and swimming on Tuesday each week and it's important that children have their kit every week.

Please do not hesitate to contact me at school should you have any queries or concerns. I look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Kind regards,  
Mrs Roberts  
Class 3 Teacher