



Welcome to Year 3 from Mr Robinson & Mrs Huckstepp



We hope you all had a fantastic Christmas. We are looking forward to hearing about what you got up to over the festive holidays and working together as a class to get stuck into our new topics this term. We are looking forward to working with both you and your children for the rest of the year.

Year 3

Our topic this term is called 'IT'S A RUBBISH ADVENTURE!' We will be investigating the effects of single use plastic on our school, our local area and our planet! We want to inspire you and teach you to make choices that will help to save our planet. To do this, we will research how we recycle in school, and it will be YOUR job to persuade our Headteacher and the Multi Academy Trust and suppliers to make changes. We will use a combination of geography skills, ICT and DT skills to share our learning this term.

Reading Logs

Your child will continue to bring a reading book home. It is not required that they read this book in particular, however it is important that they continue to read something of a suitable level. Please continue to listen to them read as often as possible. Every time your child reads and their reading log is filled in, they receive a stamp. These stamps are continued from KS1 and they add up to reading prizes. A minimum of 3 reads per week are expected, however please try to read every day, even for a short period, because research has shown a clear link between reading at home and progress. We realise that children and their families have commitments out of school but we really do appreciate every effort from home. Many of our books in Year 3 are new and so we value the care you and your children take with them. Reading logs will be signed by school, on a Monday, so please ensure they are handed in on this day.

Music

This term we are incredibly lucky, as we are about to embark on a wonderful learning journey. As part of our skills based curriculum, the children in year 3 will be developing some new musical skills! In year 3, we will be learning to play either the violin or the cello.

An external provider will provide music lessons, and the children will receive tuition for one hour a week. These lessons will take place on Thursday mornings. In time, your child will bring home their instrument. This is a chance for them to share their learning with you and continue to practice / build their skills. We are excited to see and HEAR their progress.

Each child will be responsible for their instrument and we expect them to respect this whilst it is in their care.

Blog

The school website is used as a vital link between home and school. It is a fantastic tool for celebrating the successes children have in school but it is also as an anchor for home learning. It is great to see children learning at school but it is a massive achievement if children come home and share their learning with you and this is what is so good to see on the blog! It is a chance for children to blog their comments, but it is also a chance for you to have your say! Children love to see comments and questions from their parents/carers on the blog and so do we! Be aware that homework may sometimes be posted on the Blog. We also have sent home access to SEESAW families; here you can also see your child learning journey and comment on their achievements.

General Reminders..

- PE will usually be on Thursdays however this may change so it is important that every pupil has a full PE kit in school every day. Please ensure your child has clearly labelled PE kit (suitable for indoors or outdoors) in school all week (rainy days may mean that outdoor PE sessions have to take place on different days). Your child needs to ensure they have their correct kit and that all jewellery is taken out before school. **Earrings have to be removed, we cannot allow children to take part in PE lessons wearing earrings even if they have plasters over them!**
- All children need indoor shoes and these must be clearly labelled and left on chairs in the classroom.