

Who's Who in Year 3

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PE lessons:

Outdoor PE: 3B & 3G: Monday afternoon
3R & 3Y: Thursday afternoon
Indoor PE: Monday afternoons for 3R & 3Y

Please make sure your child brings a full kit to school. Make sure all the kit is labelled including the trainers or plimsolls. As the winter weather continues and temperatures drop, please ensure your child has the appropriate clothing for outside PE so that they can be warm and comfortable. Tracksuits and / or the Upton 'hoodie' can be worn. As the saying goes, "There is no such thing as inappropriate weather, only inappropriate clothing."



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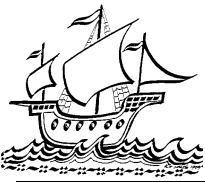
Year 3 Newsletter

Terms 3 and 4

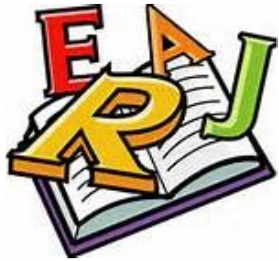
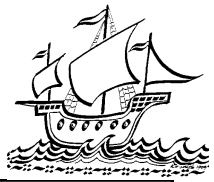
- The Year 3 team would like to wish everybody a very Happy New Year and thank you for encouraging and supporting your children as they progress through the year.
- This booklet gives a quick resume of our teaching and learning programme during the next two terms. There are lots of exciting events happening across Terms 3 and 4. If you have any other questions, please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher.
- Here's a snapshot of what you can expect over the next two terms:

Thank
You!

Date	Event
19/1/15	Mid-year assessments in maths and English.
23/1/15	UPTFA Quiz Night—6:30 pm
30/1/15	New Year's Resolution forms back to Mrs Lewis
5/2/15	3B Class Assembly
6/2/15	Pupil Forum: Form Captains to meet Governors
6/2/15	Governors Clinic—2:30 pm—Parents invited to meet with Governors
10/2/15	Drama Day: KIC Theatre in and Thanet Archaeological Trust visiting: Children can dress up as Invaders.
13/2/15	End of Term 3: School finishes at 3:15 pm. Upton Ship Afterschool Club is on until 6:15 pm
23/2/15	INSET Day: School closed to all pupils
24/2/15	Start of Term 4: School opens at 7:50 am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school
4/3/15	Year 3 parents invited in for lunch. Sign up letter available now from school website or foyer.
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13/3/15	Comic Relief: More details to follow
23/3/15	Spring assessment week
Week beg: 23/3/15	Easter Week: It is a tradition in Year 3 to design eggs liked to an 'egg' word i.e. 'eggcellent' or design boiled eggs into a topical creation such as a footballer or some event. There is also an Easter Bonnet Competition.
1/4/15	End of Term 4: School finishes at 2:15 pm. Upton Ship afterschool club is on until 6:15 pm
20/4/15	INSET Day: School closed to all pupils
21/4/15	Start of Term 5: School open at 7:50 am for breakfast club attendees and 8:40 am for the rest of the school.



Year 3 Topics



English: We will be following the 'text-based curriculum' designed around children reading a text over 2-4 weeks. The books in terms 3 & 4 include a poetry anthology: Brian Patten's Puffin Book of Brilliant Poetry' plus 'Hodgeheg' by Dick King-Smith, and 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark' by Jill Tomlinson. There is a whole school focus on 'World War 1 and Year 3 groups are reading 'Wargame' and 'You Wouldn't Want to be in the Trenches'. The term ends with non-fiction books.

The 'Read, Write Inc.' Programme is followed by children who need extra grounding in reading and writing.

Within the 'text-based curriculum' key skills of spelling, handwriting, writing, reading, speaking and listening will be taught.

Maths: We will be following the National Curriculum for Maths this year. This is a second round of working through the seven strands of number and place value, addition and subtractions, multiplication and division, fractions, measurements, geometry, and statistics over Terms 3 & 4. My Maths is part of the homework and children can explore this site on their own.



IPC Topics

Year 3 started term 3 with visits to Tesco as part of our science focussed unit 'How Humans Work' where we find out about the journey of food from farm to fork. In term 2, before Christmas, we studied bones and now we are studying the importance of diet and food.

Term 4 topic will then be a history and art focussed topic about 'Scavengers and Hunters'. The History begins with Stone Age and we will work through Bronze Age to Iron Age. The children will focus on how their ancestors survived and we begin the topic with a WOW entry of designing shelters for mini stone age people!



On February 10th there is a Drama Day built around empathy with humans in pre-history. Thanet Archaeological Trust will also run workshops about evidence about this era of history collected in Thanet.

A visit to Dover Museum and the Bronze Age boat is also planned. More information to follow.

In term 4 a science focus returns with the theme of 'Forces' and a study of 'Rocks'.

Computing: In Computing this term we are going to focus on 'developing the use of a virtual learning environment.' With the virtual learning environment, the children will be able to save and share their work. This will also link to the new tablets we are currently deploying around the school.

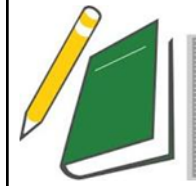


Music: Music lessons are led by Mr Langridge. Year 3 Pupils will have the opportunity to learn the recorder.

R.E: The whole school meets every day for collective worship, except for Tuesday where the pupils meet in houses. In class we will be looking at festivals and celebrations in Christianity and Judaism.



Homework Tasks and Supporting your child at home:



The computer suite is open from 3:30 pm to 5:00 pm every day for parents and children to complete homework.

Library lunchtime open days for pupils: Year 3 pupils can access the library on Mondays and Fridays.

◆ In Year 3 your child is expected to do the maximum of 20 minutes homework 3 times a week.

◆ **READING:** Reading books can be handed in when they are finished. It helps if you can write 'finished' as part of your comments.

As well as home reading, it is wonderful if you can share a book with your child for about 10-15 minutes. This can be listening to them read, you reading to them, or looking at and discussing a picture book, or poem. Alternatively this time could be used for finding information, sharing a snippet from the paper, jokes etc.

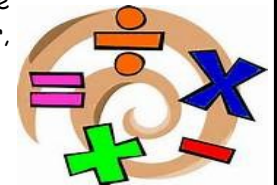
◆ **SPELLINGS** are set each week on a Monday.

◆ **MATHS:** times tables and written maths is set each week.

◆ 'The site 'MyMaths.co.uk' is subscribed to by the school.

◆ Homework is on it for Year 3 in their group.

◆ Your child needs their login. If the login is lost, let us know and we can give out the information again.



◆ **General MyMaths Upton login:** uptonjs new password: north

Useful websites: www.woodlands-junior.kent.sch.uk www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/ks2
www.bbc.co.uk/schools/parents