

Topics to be studied during Year 3 will include:

Autumn Term

Ancient Greece: We will investigate artefacts and evidence to learn about people's beliefs and daily lives in Ancient Greece. Using clay, we will create and decorate our own Greek pots.

France: This topic will include a geographical comparison of France and the UK. We will also be continuing learning French, studying artists from France (such as Matisse) and even running a French café!

Spring Term

BIPS (Bangladesh, India, Pakistan and Sri Lanka): We will develop an understanding about life in South Asia, comparing and contrasting lifestyles in these countries with that of our own. We will also develop an understanding of Hindu beliefs and customs.

Pirates: An exploration of the legendary history of pirates, including writing pirate adventure stories and ships logs. We also make winding mechanisms and enjoy singing sea shanties in music.

Summer Term

The Rocking Stone Age: We will delve into Britain's past, finding out what life was like from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. We will create our own cave art, and design and build our own stone circles. The children will also investigate the characteristics of rocks and soils.

Growing Things: We will investigate what helps plants to grow and will test our green fingers both outside and in Computing by creating gardens.



Year 3

**Information
Booklet**

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Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3 and we hope your child has a great year. This booklet is designed to introduce you to some important information about the year ahead, so that you can help your child to settle in and have a really positive year. Please have a look at the school website where you will find information and updates about what is happening at school and in Year 3:

www.queenedithschool.org.uk

Our Year 3 Team

Miss Cooper teaches 3.1 and Miss White teaches 3.2. We have half a day a week away from the classroom for planning, preparation and assessment on Wednesday mornings or afternoons. During this time, 3.1 is taught by Mrs Santocchini and 3.2 is taught by Mrs Lockhart. Mrs Dove, Miss Clay, Miss Stuart, Miss Prior, Mrs Hart and Mrs Bick also help Year 3 in a variety of ways.

Homework

In Year 3, the children have homework each week for writing and maths, both of which will be based on what the children have been learning at school. This will be given out on Fridays and will be expected to be handed in by Wednesday the following week. There will also be spelling words given out on Fridays to be tested on the following Friday. Please try to encourage spelling practice which is 'little and often' as this is better for retention of the words.

For the writing homework, the children will be given a task in their blue book. They should write at least half a page, although we will be very pleased to see children writing more than this. House points will be awarded for effort and for meeting the task particularly well.

Reading books

Book bags need to be brought in every day. Your child may change their book whenever they have finished. Please could you find time during the week to hear your child read and ask them questions. Some ideas for what you or your child can comment on in their reading record books can be found on their bookmarks.

PE

Please could children have their PE kit in school all week, in case lessons have to be swapped. Children should have a plain white round neck T-shirt, black shorts, socks and plimsolls (can double as indoor shoes) for indoor PE, as well as black jogging bottoms, a sweatshirt and suitable trainers for outdoor PE. Year 3 usually have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays. Long hair must be tied back; please ensure children have a hair band with them.

Please name all clothing and shoes. All children with pierced ears must remove earrings before participating in sport.

Behaviour, Achievements and Responsibility

The children are expected to try their best in all aspects of school life, individually and in a team. They have been put in house teams and can earn points for their house by working hard, having a positive attitude and showing kindness towards others.

To encourage good behaviour in the classroom we have a faces reward system through which children can gain extra housepoints! If children are unable to meet the expectations of Year 3, they will be reminded of the class rules and if necessary, their name will be placed on the sad face. This will be followed by appropriate consequences.

Parent helpers are most welcome!

Please let us know if you would be able to spend some time listening to readers, either occasionally or regularly. This opportunity for additional reading helps the children to become more confident readers and we can really see the difference!

We look forward to working together with you this year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss A Cooper

Miss E White