



YEAR THREE

PARENT

HANDBOOK

2019/20

Year 3 handbook

Welcome to Year 3! We hope that this handbook will also answer some of the questions you may have about the year ahead.

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Responsibility

There is a continued progression from Year 2 with regards to the children's developing independence. We encourage the children to take more responsibility for themselves, their work and their belongings. To support this, we hope that you will drop off the children on the playground and allow them to bring their bags down to the classroom and unpack them independently or remain on the playground until the bell goes.

We encourage the children to take responsibility for remembering their belongings, organising and completing their homework on time though this may need some support initially.

Academic Matters

Maths

- Maths is the only subject partly taught in specific ability groups. After a settling in period, the pupils will be split into 2 groups for three Maths lessons a week, taught by the two Year 3 form teachers. The remaining two lessons will be spent as a whole class.
- The two groups cover the same key topics each week but the depth and pace of study will differ. We monitor progress carefully throughout the year and movement between the sets is possible at any time in order to optimise pupil progress.

Times tables

- Throughout Year 3 the children will learn their times tables up to 12s. We will work in class on strategies and children should practise their tables at home regularly. There will be a weekly test to check their progress, usually on a Wednesday.

English

Spelling

- Year 3 follow the revised Paragon Spelling Scheme (September 2019) which is aligned to the National Curriculum. All pupils will do a spelling assessment at the start of the year to ensure that they are in the correct group.

- Pupils have regular spelling lessons during the week and are taught strategies to help to embed their knowledge and understanding of spelling.
- Pupils will need to practise their spellings at home and will be set tasks to complete. They will have a short weekly spelling test at school on Thursdays.

Reading

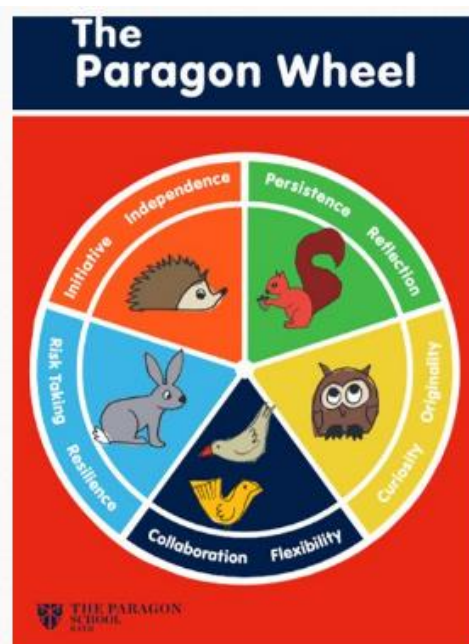
- Reading is the key to success in many aspects of English and the curriculum as a whole. It is important that children continue to read for pleasure in order to build a wide comprehension of language and a broad vocabulary to use in their own writing. Parents are encouraged to listen to their child read regularly; to discuss the plot and any unfamiliar vocabulary. We aim to listen to individual readers on a weekly basis.
- We also undertake Guided Reading in class, using the texts for comprehension, language and creative activities.
- All reading, at home and at school, is recorded in the Pupil Planner by both child, parent and teacher.
- The school library catalogue, including useful websites, can be accessed via <https://u002299.microlibrarian.net>. Your child can then log on to their individual account by entering their unique library number as their username and again for their password.

Homework

- Year 3 will be set work on Monday and Tuesday. Homework is a continuation from the work taught in class during that week.
- The work is planned to take no more than 20 minutes. If a child wants to spend longer on a task, that is fine, but if your child has spent the allotted time on the work but not managed to complete it and wants to stop, please write a note under the work.
- Every other week, instead of a written homework for Maths or English, your child will be allocated a homework slot to practise either DoodleMaths or DoodleEnglish. It is recommended that that your child practises their DoodleMaths/DoodleEnglish 'little and often'; we recommend 5 -10 minute slots instead of just one sitting. Every week there will be a DoodleMaths or a DoodleEnglish focus but it would be great if your child can continue to do some practice for both, if time allows.
- Homework tasks are written in the Pupil Planner.

Learning Habits

Pupils are encouraged to develop the learning habits shown on The Paragon Wheel and they are discussed regularly.



The Bulletin



The Bulletin is a key publication for parents, so do check it every week. It contains a summary of what has been happening in school and, perhaps more importantly, information about forthcoming events. Details about:

- Trips – letters with permission slips,
- Outdoor Learning activities - appropriate clothing and wellies
- On site special days
- Assemblies
- Headmaster's Comments
- Music and Sport Notices

We hope you find all the enclosed details useful; if you have any questions please don't hesitate to ask.

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