

Year 3 Autumn Term Newsletter

Welcome to Key Stage 2!

Year Three Staff

The teachers in Year 3 are Mrs Pendlebury and Mrs Wain (3PW), Mrs Davies (3JD) and Mrs Needham (3LN).

The teaching support assistants in Year 3 are Mrs Chorlton (3PW), Mrs Vyse (3JD) and Mrs Leese (3LN).

School Vision and Rules

Our Vision

The Willows Primary School will be an outstanding school where children feel happy and safe. It will be full of fun, smiles and friendship. The children will be motivated and equipped to achieve their personal high aspirations.

Rules

At The Willows Primary School we are committed to creating an environment where everyone is expected to maintain the highest standards of personal conduct, to accept responsibility for their behaviour and encourage others to do the same. Our school rules are...

Be Ready, Be Respectful, Be Responsible

so you are Happy and Safe to learn

We understand that not all pupils arrive to our school knowing how to behave and what our high expectations are, these must be taught.

We ensure that all pupils are taught the rules, relentless routines and all staff must follow visible consistencies so that our children are proud of belonging to The Willows and wear their uniform with pride.

Explore, Dream, Discover...

This Autumn we are entering The Witching Hour with Roald Dahl's BFG... there's no need to read the book before we begin, but those that have will know what fun adventures are to come. In maths we will be consolidating children's knowledge of place value before moving on to the four operations; addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We'll explore the world in Geography, peel away the layers of the earth in Science and discover a new language in Spanish lessons. We will investigate Ancient Greece, create some wonderful clay vases and learn to write code in computing class.

Reading Champion Challenge

Reading remains an important part of our school life. We are hopeful that all our children will continue to enjoy reading at home and sharing their books with you.

We will track reading in school in a number of ways:-

- We will scan your children's reading books out to them via our on-line library system. We will scan these back in when they return them.
- Each time your child chooses their home reading book, they will record this on their reading record sheet at school. When they quiz on Accelerated Reader they will record their quiz score and then return their book.
- We will also monitor Accelerated Reader for number of quizzes taken, how well the children are performing in their quizzes, and how often they are changing their books.
- Whole class reading rewards are given when classes achieve word count milestones.

Homework

Reading

Reading is really important and books need to be read at home to an adult on a regular basis (we aim for 5 times a week as a minimum).

Please see the relevant information below.

>Some children have a reading diary and one reading book. This book needs to be read on a regular basis at home to an adult and then the reading diary needs to be signed by the adult and the page number they have got to written in along with any other comments. Please ask your child regular questions as they read to check understanding. Sometimes it is worthwhile reading these books twice to help support your child's understanding.

When this book needs to be changed, please write a note in the reading diary to inform us so we can send a new book home. Reading diaries and reading books need to come to school every day.

>Some children have a reading diary and two books. One of the books is a school scheme book and the above information is relevant to that book.

The second book is an accelerated reader book that needs to be read alongside. Once your child has finished reading their accelerated reader book they will complete a quiz on it at school, so it is really important that they have understood the story. Again, please ask your child lots of questions when they read to you to ensure they have understood it. If your child struggles with the quiz then the same book will be sent home again for a second read and another try at quizzing. Once the quiz has been passed then the book will be changed. Please write in your child's reading diary when they have fully read and understood the book and are ready to quiz

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>Some children have no reading diary and one book – this book is an accelerated reader book.

Once your child has finished reading their accelerated reader book they will complete a quiz on it at school, so it is really important that they have understood the story. Please ask your child lots of questions when they read to you to ensure they have understood it. If your child struggles with the quiz then the same book will be sent home again for a second read and another try at quizzing. Once the quiz has been passed then the book will be changed. Please pop a post it note on the front of your child's book when they are ready to quiz as sometimes children can try to quiz before they have finished reading the text. Reading quizzes, scores and word count are monitored through our accelerated reader system and volume of books read is also monitored through our school library system.

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Maths

Children will now receive weekly "Times Tables" homework. This will be issued on a Wednesday via Dojo and needs to be completed and returned by the following Monday.

The homework will be a sheet of times tables and division fact questions.

Your child will be provided with a blue maths book to complete their homework in and the question and answer must be written neatly. Please note that your child will need to write the short date and there should only be one digit or symbol in each box. Please see dojo for an example of the expected layout.

Times tables homework will be marked in class on a Monday so books must be returned on this day.

Spellings

Spellings are given out on a Monday, *via Dojo*, and tested the following Monday. Please practice spellings at home on a regular basis with your child.

We will send the spelling tests home every week so you can see your child's scores and any spellings that they need more practice on at home.

ALL children need to learn the High Frequency Word list spellings AND the Core List spellings.

The extension column is optional - please only encourage your child to attempt these spellings if they are fully secure on the other 2 lists.

Only children who have practiced the extension will be tested on this list.

P.E.

PE in 3PW will be on a Monday.

PE in 3JD and 3LN will be on a Tuesday.

Children are required to wear their full P.E. kit for the entire day and can arrive in it to school. We will also complete the 'Willows Mile' or other physical activities on a daily basis.

Please ensure that children have full PE kit including trainers, a school PE t-shirt, and a school or royal blue PE hoody and navy blue tracksuit trousers, as we will be outside when possible.

If there is any change to PE plans, we will inform you as soon as possible via Dojo.

Diary Dates

Wednesday 19th October – Parents Evening.

Tuesday 11th October 3PW Dance day and Showcase 2:30pm

Wednesday 12th October 3JD Dance day and Showcase 2:30pm

Thursday 13th October 3LN Dance day and Showcase 2:30pm

8th November - Poole's Cavern trip – Arrive at school no later than 8:30 am Return to school for 3pm. Non- uniform required (practical clothing and footwear).

Dojo

As you are aware, as a school we have moved to using Dojo as a communication app. Class information, newsletters and communications will be posted here so please ensure you have connected and please check it on a regular basis.

Uniform and Property

We are having numerous jumpers, cardigans, PE hoodies, coats, lunch boxes and ties going missing/being left outside that are not named. This makes it incredibly difficult to reunite these items with the correct child.

Please check all uniform and belongings and label everything with your child's name and class.

Current Start and end of the day times

3PW: 8.45 a.m. – 3:05 p.m. Woodland door

3JD: 8.45 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. Woodland door

3LN: 8.45 a.m. - 3:05 p.m. KS2 Door

If you need to contact us before school, or the message needs to be seen that day, then please telephone the school office. You can also contact us via Dojo with less urgent issues and we will get back to you as soon as we can. Please note that Dojo messages are not always checked during the day as we are teaching.

We all look forward to a happy and successful year together.

Year 3 Team