



Welcome  
Back!



# WELCOME TO YEAR 3!

A very warm welcome to the new school year!

We are looking forward to working with you all to make this a productive and happy year. We view the transition from KS1 to KS2 very important and as such you will note various working stations in the central areas that allow children to continue with the good practice they have developed over the early years of education. Reading is also a large part of the learning in Year 3. We also want the children to become more independent over the coming months and appreciate your support with this. We will be beginning the year with a big focus on the value of Respect.

## **Important and useful information**

**Home school communication:** We truly value the support that you can provide us in ensuring your child is safe, happy and challenged. One of the ways in which we can communicate is in the home school communication books. Please make sure these are in school every day and that you check them, as we will do, every day. We will always, as far as possible, set aside Monday afternoons from 2.45 until 3.15pm to meet with you in person if you should need. Please ask for an appointment either in the home school communication books or via email (see below.) Of course, any urgent matters can be brought to our attention either at the start or the end of the day. All of our email addresses are also at the bottom of this letter.

## 21<sup>ST</sup> CENTURY VALUES AND SKILLS

TOLERANCE

RESPECT

INTEGRITY

EMPATHY

HONESTY

CARE

RESPONSIBILITY

COLLABORATION

CITIZENSHIP

PROBLEM

SOLVING

CREATIVITY

CRITICAL

THINKING

INDEPENDENCE

**Class Timetables:** Once these are fully finalised, they will be glued into the inside front cover of the Home/School communication books.

**Health and Safety:** You should ensure that your child brings the following to school **every day**;

- ✓ **A light, healthy** snack for morning snack time
- ✓ **A healthy lunch**, e.g. sandwiches, fruit, yogurt. Please encourage your child to eat healthy food therefore no crisps or chocolate. Strictly **NO NUTS**
- ✓ **A named** water bottle
- ✓ **A named** hat



Our school policy states that children cannot play outside without a hat and water bottle.

**School Uniform:** Please make sure you refer to our school policy about the expectations of uniform. It states that children with long hair should have their hair tied up in a plain blue, black or white hair tie and if ears are pierced they should only wear stud earrings. These **must not** be worn on PE days. Nails must be cut short and nail varnish should not be worn.

**Bags:** The children do not have many books that they need to carry between home and school and therefore only need a backpack. Please do not provide a wheelie bag as we have limited cloakroom space.

**Homework:** Homework will be sent out on **Sunday** and must be returned the following Sunday. Other home support activities may be sent out as determined by the class teacher. Please ensure you spend at least 10mins each day reading with your child whenever possible.

**Spellings:** As part of the homework, children will also have spellings to learn ready for a spelling test on **Thursday**. We will provide a half terms worth of spelling lists so you can look ahead. These will be glued into the front of the children's homework book and each week we will inform you which list we will be working on.

**Times Tables:** The National Curriculum expectations are that all children should know their times tables to 12 by the end of year 4. In Year 3 we have a regular times tables and mental math's tests. Whilst we recognise that some children will find it easier than others, we do consider this to be part of their weekly homework.

**Reading and Reading Journals:** It is important that you continue reading with your child on a regular basis even though they are now in KS2. Conversations with an adult about what they have read are vital in helping to ensure that children have really understood both the language and inference in the

text. Reading journals are for students, parents and teachers to record comments about children's reading. Once a book is finished, children must write a few sentences about it to show their understanding. As the children develop their reading skills we will be expecting a more detailed review of their books. Please ensure that your child's reading book and journal is in school every day.

**P.E.** On Wednesdays, children must wear their P.E kit and trainers to school. Their name and class should be **clearly labelled** on each item of their kit. If your child is swimming, please ensure that their swimming kit and towel is labelled and in a waterproof bag. You will be informed shortly before the swimming is due to begin.

**Birthdays:** We are aware that on some occasions parents like to bring cakes into school to enable the children to celebrate their birthdays with their friends. If this is the case, please ensure that **CUP CAKES** only are brought in as we do not have the facilities to cut up and share out large cakes. These need to be in school by 11am and pre-arranged with the class teacher.

If you have any further questions throughout the course of the term, please don't hesitate to approach us. Please find our emails below.

We look forward to a year full of exciting learning and successes for your child.

With kind regards,

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# Accessing the School Website

- Weekly curriculum outlines and home learning (*Paths*) will be available in the primary paths section of the school website (*please note that we will not be sending paper copies home*)
- Paths will normally be updated weekly on a Sunday afternoon
- Please follow the steps below to access Year 3 resources online:

1. Go to [www.aaess.org](http://www.aaess.org)

2. Scroll down and click on the icon labeled **“Primary Paths”**

3. Scroll down until you see this selection panel

The tab below is for Term 3 Primary Paths



	Yr 2 Week	Yr 3 Week	Yr 4 Week	Yr 5 Week	Yr 6 Week	Arabic 1	Islamic 1	Arabic Social Studies Exam 2
FS1	28.05	28.05	28.05	28.05	28.05	Arabic 2	Islamic 2	
FS2	04/06	04/06	04/06	04/06	04/06	Arabic 2	Islamic 2	
FS2 Week	No paths	Yr 2 Week 09.11	No paths	Yr 4 Week 11.06	Yr 5 Week 11.06	No paths	No paths	
	No paths	Summer Workbook	No paths	No paths	No paths	No paths	No paths	

4. Look in the column under **“Year 3”** and click on the date that corresponds with the current week

5. A PDF document will open



6. If after following the steps above you are still unable to find the correct files, please clear your “history” folder and restart your computer

**We thank you in advance for your help and support this academic year.**