



Welcome to Year 3 and 4

Mrs Kirk's Class
Information Booklet for
parents.

Welcome to Years 3 and 4. This booklet will provide you with all the day to day information you will need to know while your child is in Year 3 and 4.

Meet the Staff

This year we have 4 adults working in Years 3/4:

Mrs Amy Kirk - Class Teacher

Miss Tracy Lavender - General Teaching Assistant

Mrs Naomi Swain - Special Educational Needs Assistant

Miss Poppy Hamson - Special Educational Needs Assistant

Please do not hesitate to contact me with any questions about your child's learning. I am available from 8.45am until registration at 8.55am and after school. **If I am teaching I will be unable to speak to you but please book an appointment to see me with Mrs Mills. Otherwise; please do not hesitate to speak to another adult who works in the class. They will pass the message on. Thanks.**

Topics

The children will be taught the following topics this year:

<u>Autumn 1</u>	<u>Autumn 2</u>	<u>Spring 1</u>	<u>Spring 2</u>	<u>Summer 1</u>	<u>Summer 2</u>
Stone Age	Electricity	Romans	The Amazon		Olympics

Our Class Time Table

8.55 Registration

9.00 am - 10.00 am Maths

10.00 - 10.15 am Assembly

10.15-10.30 am Play Time

10.30 -11.30 am English

11.30 am -12.10 pm Guided Reading

12.10pm-1.10pm Lunch

1.10 pm -3.15pm Topic/P.E/R.E/French

Every other Monday is my Planning, Preparation and Assessment Day, during this day Mrs Csorba covers the class. On this day the children are taught Music, French, P. E, R.E, as well as completing their spellings and times tables tests.

Reading

Your child will soon be bringing home a reading book and reading record. If you could listen to your child read for **10 to 15 minutes at least three times a week** it would make a tremendous difference to their reading. Please support your child's reading by writing a comment in their reading record. Try to make this positive to encourage their reading. **Your child be will responsible for changing their reading book and bringing their reading record to school every day. The child's reading record will be checked in class every Friday.**

Homework

Each week the children will bring home spellings and times tables to learn. They will be given out on a Monday and tested the following Monday.

They will also receive one piece of English homework and one piece of Maths homework. **This homework will be set on Thursday's and due back the following Monday. It is important the children return it back on time so I can mark it and assess their learning. If the homework is not completed or handed in they will lose their playtime/golden time in order to complete it.**

If your child is reluctant to complete homework I would suggest to them joining homework club which is run on Thursdays 3.15pm-4.15pm. Further details will be given on a separate letter.

P.E

This year our P.E days are Mondays and Thursdays, however, please ensure your child has the correct P.E kit in school every day in case this changes. Your child's P.E kit should include:

Indoor - T-shirt, shorts, P.E pumps.

Outdoor - Tracksuit bottoms, T-shirt, Jumper and Trainers.

If they do not have the correct P.E kit they will lose golden time and be unable to participate. On Monday's and Thursday's please ensure earrings are taken out and long hair is tied back.

Water Bottles

Please provide your child with a water bottle to use in the classroom. Please only fill the bottle with water or diluted squash. **Energy/sports drinks will be poured away.**

Letters

When returning letters and dinner monies etc. please give it to your child and they will put it in the box on my desk.

If your child did not receive a letter or has lost it, there are usually spare ones kept in the red letter tray in our classroom. Please ask your child to collect another.

Class Dojo

For hard work and good behaviour the children will be rewarded with dojo points. Each child has a character on the Interactive Whiteboard which they can add points to. On Friday, the points are added up and the 3 children with the highest amount of points win a prize.

Assessments

There are no formal statutory assessments in Years 3 and 4 such as SATS or phonics screening. However, the children are still assessed on a regular basis so if your child comes home and says they have sat a test it is just for my teacher assessments and nothing for them to worry about.

Independence

It would be really helpful if you could encourage your child to be independent before and after school as this will help them to become more independent during the school day. Some examples are:

- Teaching your child to tie their shoe laces, this is really helpful for P.E lessons! (Children in Year 3 should be able to tie their shoelace by Christmas)
- Showing children how to fold their clothes up rather than doing it for them, this helps children not to lose things when they get changed for P.E.
- Bringing letters/dinner money/permission slips in themselves and putting them in the box on my desk.
- Putting their lunch box on the trolley themselves.
- Encourage your child to ask a question about homework/trips rather than you asking for them.
- Filling their water bottle up themselves.
- If your child has lost an item, ask them to look for it themselves before you look. Very often they've left it where they last were!

Thank you for taking the time to read the booklet. A class newsletter will be sent out every half term to keep you updated.