



Welcome to Year 3 – Rowan and Cedar 2023-2024



Introduction:

Welcome to Year 3. We hope that your children will enjoy their time with us and are motivated by the range of opportunities that we will be providing. If you have any further questions regarding the curriculum or class routines, please do not hesitate to contact the class teacher at the end of the school day.

Cedar: the teacher is Miss Amin and the teaching assistants are Mrs Wenstrom and Mr Moir.

Rowan: the teacher is Miss Connelly and the teaching assistant is Mrs Wilding.

Year 3 Topics:

In our first History and Geography units in the autumn term, we will be exploring our local area of Wokingham and how this has developed over the years.

In the spring term, we will learn all about stones and bones! We will have a History enquiry-based topic which explores the life of children in the Stone Age era, where the children will explore the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras. There will be a focus on the science of rocks, fossils and soils. Later in the enquiry, children will learn about the Iron Age. Alongside this there will be scientific discovery and study of animal and human anatomy (bones and muscles).

In the summer term, learning is focused upon the Ancient Egyptians. Our studies will look at their beliefs of the afterlife, different Gods, and this will also link to our Geography topic of rivers, when researching the River Nile.

English and Maths:

English and Maths will follow the Year 3 curriculum which is available to view online:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Home Learning:

- We encourage all families to focus on the key skills of reading, writing and maths. Please read as often as possible with your child and sign his or her Home Reading Record. Please practise times tables using the TT Rockstars website, this is very important as times tables will be tested in class on a weekly basis too. From time to time, we may post some topic related activities on Teams.
- Spelling will be taught in school so focus spellings will not automatically be sent home; however, you are welcome to request a copy of words being learnt if you wish.
- To become quick with recall, practise a minimum of 5 games of Times Tables Rock Stars each week. This could earn them a sticker in Celebration Assembly if they are the top TTRockstar in



their year group that week.

Behaviour:

As part of our school ethos to promote a positive culture, we will be using Class Hatchies to recognise the range of good behaviour we have at Keep Hatch, both inside the classrooms and out on the playground. We will also be encouraging children to consider a 'Growth Mindset' and to challenge themselves wherever possible. You will hear lots about 'stretching our brains' and 'earning Hatchies'!

Exciting Events:

These are yet to be confirmed; however, some details of school events can be found on the school calendar on the website or the school newsletter. Year 3 specific event information will be sent via parent mail and posted on the Y3 Teams page if appropriate.

Additional Information:

Daily checklist

Water bottle

Jumper

Coat

Reading book and reading record



PE kit should be worn to school on Tuesday and Wednesday (Winter kit: Black joggers and hoodie, white/red t-shirt, black trainers. Summer Kit: Black shorts, white/red t-shirt and black trainers. During the summer term we do swim and a letter will be sent out nearer to the time to inform you the equipment your child will need, and the day that this will be.

Healthy snack (fruit or plain biscuit)

Lunch box

Pencil case (years 2-6 only)

Pencil cases:

Children are encouraged to bring their own pencil case to school. This should be able to fit comfortably in the school trays. They could contain:

Writing pencils and a pencil sharpener

A rubber

A ruler

A glue stick

A purple pen

Colouring pencils (optional)

A white board pen (optional)



If you have any further questions, please do ask your child's class teacher at the end of the day or contact the office.