



Welcome to Year Three

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Welcome to Year Three, we are looking forward to the start of a new school year and sharing all the great learning experiences we have in store for your child! Keeping you as parents/carers involved in your child's learning is very important to us, so we would like to share some important information with you in advance of September:

Year Three Day

- School begins at 8.45am and ends at 3.15pm – please aim to have your child ready to enter the school building at 8.45am promptly as we will be starting lessons every day at 8.50am.
- Morning playtime is 11.00am – 11.15am
- Lunchtime is 12.30pm – 1.30pm - the specific time the children eat changes slightly each day, based on a weekly rota

Practicalities

- Children will need their own healthy snack for morning playtime
- When the children begin Year 3, they no longer receive the Universal Infant Free School Meals entitlement. School lunches are available to be purchased everyday or you are of course welcome to send your child in with a packed lunch (please remember nothing in these should include nuts). Parents struggling to meet the cost of these may still be entitled to Free School Meals (FSM) – further details about this can be found here: <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals>
- Year Three use lockers, so please use suitably sized rucksacks (if they are needed)
- Children are provided with writing equipment, which they take responsibility for and is kept in school
- Now the children are in Key Stage 2, they are expected to wear shirts and ties rather than the white polo shirt. Full details of the uniform guidance can be found here: <https://www.gorseybank.org.uk/wp-content/uploads/Gorsey-Bank-School-Uniform-5.pdf>

Reading

- School reading books will be taken home and your child will have the opportunity to swap their books once they have been read. Y3 books have a brown sticker on them and Y4 books have a grey sticker.
- Children take greater ownership for changing their own reading book and time is allocated at the beginning of each day
- Your child's Reading books should be brought into school each day
- Your child will take part in daily Guided Reading or Class Novel sessions with their teacher
- Adults will read with some targeted pupils individually during the week and a note will be recorded in their reading record book
- Each child has access to a Library book which they can change during their weekly session

Home Learning

- Home Learning is set on a Wednesday and handed in by the following Monday
- The purpose of Home Learning is to consolidate and extend prior learning
- Children should be able to complete tasks independently
- Home Learning tasks will alternate between Maths/Arithmetic and English/Reading Comprehension
- Any concerns regarding Home Learning should be shared with the Class Teachers
- Other online platforms are available for the children to use either as part of the weekly Home Learning or as additional resources to further embed learning from in school. In Year 3 these include Spelling Shed, Maths Shed, TT Rockstars and Code.org. Logins and these can be found in the front of your child's Home Learning book.

Home School Communication

- Class Teachers should always be your first point of contact
- We do not share personal email addresses but if you would like to speak to any of the team we are always happy to arrange a time for this via admin@gorseysbank.org.uk
- One member of the team will be available at the Lower Key Stage 2 door every morning and at home time, any messages will be shared with the rest of the team
- Feedback can be shared with PTA/Parent Council Reps and Parent Governors
- Parents' Evenings happen in October and March, and Learning Review Meetings in July
- The Annual Planner has key dates a year in advance
- The Gorsey Weekly and Twitter has more up-to-date information and any changes (our Tweets can be viewed on our website page (see below) for any parents not using Twitter)

Collection Arrangements

- The children will leave school from the LKS2 door at home time, and will remain at the door until they see someone who has come to collect them
- Please let your child's Class Teacher know if there is any change in collection

Year 3 Highlights...

- Residential (one night, details to follow in the Autumn Term)
- Play in a Day
- Wilmslow Fire Service
- Let's Walk (road safety initiative)
- Author visits (virtual and in person)
- Play with the Halle
- Year Group Assembly
- Image Theatre
- KS2 Carol Service at the Wilmslow URC
- Rex Cinema visit



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<https://www.gorseysbank.org.uk/>

Or our year group page:

<https://www.gorseysbank.org.uk/year-groups/year-3/>