



North Downs Primary School

Welcome to Year 3!



Year 3 staff

▶ Toucans

- ▶ Miss Tennent (Class Teacher)
- ▶ Mrs Appleton (TA Monday-Thursday)
- ▶ Mrs Belsham (TA Friday)
- ▶ Miss Stroud (TA Monday-Thursday)

▶ Flamingos

- ▶ Mr Evenden (Class Teacher)
- ▶ Mrs Sanders (TA Monday, Tuesday, Friday)
- ▶ Mrs Belsham (TA Wednesday and Thursday)
- ▶ Mrs Dibble (TA Monday-Thursday)

- ▶ Planning cover: Mrs Ottaway and Mrs Wright (Tuesdays)

Year 3 Expectations

- ▶ In Year 3, children are encouraged to take greater responsibility for themselves. This includes coming into class independently, as well as taking accountability for their own learning so they are aware of their own improvement and progression.
- ▶ Uniform expectations:
 - ▶ Named uniform PLEASE!
 - ▶ Children should bring their reading book and homework diary, water bottle, lunch box (if required), fruit snack, and a coat (**need these at all times**).
 - ▶ Children may bring a named pencil case as long as it fits in their tray!
- ▶ PE days: As we are swimming this term, they will only need to be in kit **on Tuesdays**. Please bring children to school in their kit.
- ▶ No jewellery (earrings must be removed before school or by your child before the lesson).
 - ▶ Long hair tied back.
 - ▶ Please write in your child's diary if they cannot undertake PE.
 - ▶ This term: shorts and short sleeved t-shirts for Gymnastics please!





Year 3 Expectations

- ▶ North Downs has established a fantastic outdoor learning curriculum, which we regularly integrate through various subjects across the year.
 - ▶ Waterproof coat and trousers
 - ▶ Wellies or walking boots
 - ▶ Comfortable trousers and a jumper/fleece
- ▶ This can be left at school on pegs.



Communication

- ▶ The easiest way to communicate with us is to write a message in your child's Homework diary. If you find it easier to email us please do!
- ▶ ella.tennent@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk (Toucans)
- ▶ martin.evenden@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk (Flamingos)
- ▶ info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
- ▶ Newsletters and Year 3 Learning Letters sent fortnightly (alternating) and all available on school website.





Collection Arrangements


- ▶ If you have collection arrangements with other parents/grandparents/neighbours, please email:
info@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk
- ▶ If you have a last minute collection change, please ring the office.





Homework Diary

- ▶ We will do our best to check homework diaries daily.
- ▶ We do expect a signature/initial in both the Reading and KIRF columns.
- ▶ There are spellings for Year 3 laid out in the diary, tested throughout the year.

Week Beginning: 6 November  2023		
Reading record		
Date	Book Title/ Comment	KIRF/X

Home-School Liaison Page	
This page is for parents, staff or pupils to write messages for home or school. Details of homework and spellings may be written here.	
Spellzone:	School/Parent:



Homework

- ▶ Spellings:
 - ▶ Spelling patterns and National Curriculum words sent home weekly on Thursday to learn and be tested on.
 - ▶ Spellzone is encouraged for practising the patterns and NC words.
- ▶ Children will receive homework (English, Maths, or Topic based) on **Thursday** to return by the following **Tuesday**.
 - ▶ They should spend up to 30 minutes on this.
 - ▶ Any help can be given and is greatly appreciated!





Homework: Reading

- ▶ Read every night up to 15mins.
- ▶ 10 mins reading, 5 mins questions.
 - ▶ Reading tips (see diary: 'Practice Reading Skills' page).
 - ▶ Reading for understanding.
 - ▶ Quality rather than quantity.
 - ▶ Children are encouraged to write in their own diary each night, noting the title and page/chapter they read to.
 - ▶ Write END: this helps us know when children have finished their reading books and are ready to swap for a new one.

Homework: Maths

- ▶ Please attempt some Maths daily.
- ▶ We focus on half termly Year 3 KIRFs which can be found in the diary 'Key Instant Recall Facts' pages and also on the school website.
- ▶ We have a school push on Times Tables as children are now tested at the end of Year 4 so there will be weekly tables tests.
 - ▶ The expectation is that children will know all tables up to their 12s by the end of Year 4.
 - ▶ Little and often!



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English

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At North Downs Primary, we believe in the deliverance of high-quality English education. It is our aim that each child should be able to work at their very best in this essential area of study – to lay the foundations of confidence in future life. English spans through the whole school curriculum, our expectations of high standards of language and literacy will equip the children for future life. Progress to do their very best and always aiming above and beyond- indeed a love of learning; to develop good reading habits- for pleasure and wider information; to read fluently, with sound understanding; to read fluently, with sound understanding;

- to acquire a wide vocabulary, with an understanding and confidence of grammar and linguistic conventions in spoken, reading and written tasks.





Class Help

- ▶ FONDS are invaluable to North Downs! We have a number of fantastic parents and carers involved but they need all the help and support they can get.
- ▶ Please also support our lovely class reps, thank you to them for stepping up to the plate!



Thank you for listening, have a fantastic weekend!

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