



Barnes Primary School

Welcome to Year Three!

Transition booklet

Dear parents and carers,

We hope that you all have an enjoyable summer break and look forward to seeing you in September ready for Year 3. To introduce you to Key Stage 2, we have provided this booklet with key information.

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First day back

There can be nerves on the first day of school but also excitement about a new year. Below is a list of helpful information about your child's first day (**Wednesday 6th September**).

- Bring your child to their classroom door for **8.45am**. Please do not leave them until they see their class teacher at the door.
- There will be members of staff in the playground to assist pupils and parents with where to go.
- There will be scooter and bike parks which we will direct the children to.
- If children arrive at school early and are in the KS2 playground, it is important that the children remain with their parents during this time. Children should not be unattended in the playground.
- The register is taken at **8:55am**. Lessons start at **9:00am**.
- The children do maths and English activities in the morning (from 8.45am) so it is important they arrive as early as possible to maximise learning time.

Please notify a member of staff on the Year 3 door with any important messages or email teachers directly and they will respond as soon as possible.

Absences should be sent to the school office absence@barnes.richmond.sch.uk Please CC your child's class teacher so that they are also aware of their absence.

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What to bring:

- A healthy snack (snacks are not provided in Key Stage 2)
- A school bag
- A clearly named water bottle (school water bottles are available from the school uniform shop)
- The 'All About Me' home learning poster. They do not need to return their Year 2 home learning book.
- Any reading books they have borrowed over the holidays
- Year 2 reading journals

PE Kits

On **Wednesdays**, the children have **PE in the morning** so they will need to **come to school dressed in their PE kits and have their uniforms in a bag** so that they can change before lunch. On Tuesdays, the children have **PE in the afternoon** so they will need to **come to school dressed in uniform with their PE kits in their bag**. They will then bring their PE kits home at the end of the day.

End of the day

The children should be picked up from their classroom door at 3.15pm. This will also provide parents with the opportunity to speak to their child's class teacher each day if needed.

The first week

The first three days back will focus on settling children with their new teacher, understanding rules and systems and knowing where everything is. We will do lots of little tours of the areas so that the children settle well and feel confident in their new environment.



The Year 3 shared area

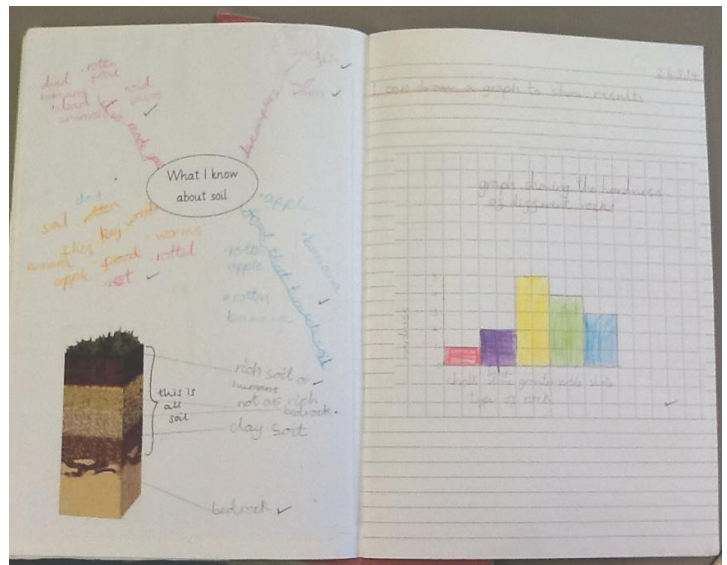
The weekly timetable for the first half term

We will send you a timetable during the first week back so that you are familiar with the daily schedule in Year 3.



PE, music, computing and French

The children will have weekly PE and computing lessons every **Wednesday**. In addition, they will have an outdoor PE lesson and music lesson every week on a **Tuesday afternoon**. Madame Bahouli will teach **French for half an hour each week**.



Systems, routines and expectations

We have written about key routines and systems below so that you feel ready for the first half term. Many of these are similar to what you have been used to in Year 2.

Reading books

In the Year 3 class libraries and in the Year 3 shared reading area, we have a selection of banded decodable and supplementary books (e.g. white sticker books) and free reader books so that your child can continue reading at the level they reached at the end of Year 2. In Year 3, children are given the responsibility to choose a new book for themselves from the appropriate section when they have finished one.

Reading journals

Please keep your Key Stage 1 reading journal from Year 2. The children will use this reading journal and continue to record in it themselves at the beginning of Year 3. Later on, we will phase in the KS2 reading journal. This will be explained at a later date. Children will be taught how to use this and a helpful note about how to use it will be posted inside the cover.

Home learning

Home learning will be set on a weekly basis and will alternate between maths and English tasks. The Year 3 home learning template is very similar to Year 2. Any extra worksheets for maths or English will be stuck in the home learning book. There will also be a sheet at the front of the books so that you can make a comment about your child's learning. This is not compulsory in Year 3 but it is always helpful to see how your child has got on.

In the Autumn Term, we will kindly ask for a payment towards CGP Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling books which the children will use for some home learning tasks. More information will follow at the start of the new term.

Children should hand their home learning books in on Thursday and spelling folders in on Friday.

Spelling

Children are set spellings on a weekly basis which are linked to their weekly spelling patterns. The children will then be tested on these words on the Friday of the following week.

Times tables

A key aspect of maths in Year 3 is learning the times tables. It would be helpful to continue to practise the 2, 5, 10 and 3 times tables over the summer to ensure they are fluent in these multiplication and division facts. If your child is confident in this area, you can start to practise the 4 and 8 times tables. In Year 3, we cover the 2, 5, 10, 3, 6, 4 and 8 times tables. However, it is not expected that they know all of these before starting in Year 3 as we will teach them progressively over the year. We will also be introducing the 9 x table so that the children have less to learn in Year 4 when they will be taking their statutory times table test.

Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed

Children will be given details for Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed in the Autumn term. They will use these resources to help them practise their times tables and spellings. Children have loved using this resource in the past. The school has purchased an account so you will not need to pay for this. More information to follow in the new term.

Year 3 curriculum meeting

During the first half term, we are hoping to have a welcome meeting about Year 3 on **Monday 18th September 2023 at 6.00pm** in the KS2 hall. We will confirm this in the first home learning letter. In this meeting, you will learn about:

- The fun things that the Year 3 have done so far
- The curriculum
- Routines such as spellings and times tables
- Upcoming trips and exciting things to look forward to
- Expectations

Summer holidays

Please continue to get your child to read out loud as often as possible over the summer and work on your child's report targets. It would also be beneficial to rehearse times tables little and often.

We are really looking forward to teaching your children next year. We hope that you have a wonderful and relaxing break!

Kind regards,

Jade, James and Tom