

Welcome to Year 3

Here is some useful information to welcome you and your child into Year 3...

Staff

There are two Year 3 classes. Mrs Kettle-Maile is the Year 3 lead teacher and teaches in Jupiter class 4 days a week, Mrs Allen will teach Jupiter class on a Wednesday. Miss Pell is the teacher in Saturn class. Miss Pont, Mrs Oliveira, Mrs D Page, Mrs Douglas and Miss Granger will be working in Year 3 to support the children.

School Uniform

As you are aware Key Stage 2 children are asked to wear a shirt and tie as part of their school uniform. Please note that the classroom windows and doors will be kept open where possible so your child may require an additional layer on colder days. To reduce risk factors related to Covid-19 the **children will need to come to school in full PE kit or sportswear on their PE days**, please make sure this kit is appropriate for the weather because PE will be outside.

Jupiter PE days are Wednesday and Thursday

Saturn PE days are Tuesday and Thursday

Reading Books

Reading every day is important and a great way to connect with your child. Sharing and passing resources will continue to be kept to a minimum and as recommended any resources handled will be cleaned or quarantined for a period of time after use. With this in mind we intend to provide the children with one or two reading books each week for the children to enjoy and share at home with you. **We ask that these books are returned to school each Friday** when they can be quarantined and each child will be issued with new books for the next week. Should you require additional books please send a note into school and we can arrange this but please bear with us as we work our way through this new system. In school the children will of course continue to read with the adults and we have a range of books and ebooks we can use and then quarantine.

Homework

Children in Year 3 will be expected to complete one piece of homework each week, in addition to reading at home. Homework will be set each week on Purple Mash, the online learning platform the children will be using in school. Purple Mash

can be used most successfully on a tablet or laptop. Don't worry if your child doesn't have access to a device at home because we will have a Purple Mash Club during Tuesday lunchtimes where the children can come and complete the homework and receive help if needed. Homework is due in each Thursday. **Any child who has not completed it will be expected to attend Homework Club at lunchtimes on Thursdays.**

Online Resources

In addition to a **Purple Mash** login the children will be given access to **ttrockstars**. This can be downloaded as an app or opened in a browser. This resource will develop the children's accuracy and speed when recalling their times tables, something we work on each day in school. The children will continue to have access to Ebooks and SPaG resources on their **activelearn** account. We would also like to invite you to follow us on Twitter **@NP_Jupiter** and **@NP_Saturn1**. All necessary usernames and passwords will be sent home in reading records over the next few weeks once the children have been introduced to the platforms.

Collecting at the end of the school day

As you know the school day is 9am - 3.05pm for the children in year 3 and the children will use the Nursery gate to enter and leave the site. We ask you to be patient at the end of the day as we become familiar with you and your family.