



# Year 3 Autumn Newsletter

A big hello and welcome to Year 3. We hope you had a fantastic summer and are ready for your new venture into the juniors. The children have settled in really well to their new routines and their new department. The children are now in KS2 and this newsletter contains all the key pieces of information you need as well as an insight into the subjects the children will be covering this year. You can encourage your child to talk to you about what they are learning in school by referring to the knowledge organisers on the school website, it will really help them to consolidate their learning.

<https://www.st-andrews-worsley.salford.sch.uk/>

## **Staff**

Mrs Duncan is working Monday-Wednesday and Mrs Watson (nee Miss Allen) Thursday and Friday in 3DW and Mrs Silcock in 3S. Our teaching assistants this year are Mr Johnson and Miss Brown.

## **Uniform**

Please label uniform clearly with your child's name to cut down on the amount of lost property and the time spent trying to find its owner. As the children are in KS2 now, we will be encouraging them to take more responsibility for their own things.

## **Year 3 Twitter ( X ) and school website**

The school twitter account is a great way to keep up to date with what the children have been doing. To follow us simply set up an account and search for our username @standrewsce. Also check out our class pages on the school website to see what we have been up to in school. These are updated throughout the year.

## **PE and swimming kits**

PE kits should be in school every week, lessons are on a Wednesday afternoon and kits should remain in for the full half term. Swimming will take place on a Wednesday afternoon and 3S will be going during the first term. An additional letter has been sent out to 3S and one will be sent to 3DW later on in the year. Please remember swimming is an important life skill and children should be swimming weekly.

Could we remind you that PE kit is: black plimsolls, navy blue or black shorts and a white polo shirt in a labelled drawstring bag.

## **Reading Books**

It is very important that children develop their reading skills by reading a few pages at home each night as often as possible. It is no surprise that children who read regularly at home and school become very good readers and it impacts on their spelling and writing as well. We expect children to be bringing their books and reading records into school every day. The children have been shown how to change their own reading books, it is up to them to remember they have finished their book and to go and change it during the allotted time slots. The children also have daily guided reading sessions.

## **Maths Homework**

In KS2 the children's Maths homework is sent home in the form of a Maths booklet. Maths homework will be sent home on a Wednesday and it is to be handed in no later than the following Wednesday. Each week the

children will be given set pages to complete (the page number and due date can be found in the back of the book). The children may not necessarily complete the pages in order as it will depend on what the children have been doing in class that week. The books are a good way of consolidating what they have learnt in the classroom.

### **Spelling Shed and Times Table Rock Stars**

We use a paperless system for the children to learn their weekly spellings and times tables. Specific spellings and times tables will be set each week and tested the following week in class. Spellings are tested on a Wednesday and times tables on a Wednesday too. Using the apps are more engaging for children and allows us to monitor their progress over the course of the year. The children will focus on a different spelling rule each week which they should be secure with by the end of Year 3. The children should also be competent with their 2s 3s 4s 5s 8s and 10s by the end of year 3. Children who are fluent with these may practise some of their other tables in preparation for the Year 4 Times Tables Test which is done nationally in the Summer term of Y4.

### **English Homework**

English homework will be sent home in the form of a spelling, grammar and punctuation book. These books will be sent home on a Wednesday and should be returned no later than the following Wednesday. Each week the children will be given set pages to complete and as with maths, the children may not complete the pages in order (page numbers and due dates will be found in the booklet).

Completing homework and organising giving it in is important as it gets pupils into the right habits before high school.

### **Playtime Snacks**

In KS2 children are allowed to bring their own healthy snack. We suggest healthy snacks such as fruit, breakfast bars or a plain biscuit. Please no crisps or chocolate. We also have children across the school who are allergic to nuts therefore please do not bring any snacks in that contain nuts.

### **Curriculum**

Throughout the year your child will be taught Maths and English on a daily basis. Below is a list of subjects and topics that we will be covering this term.

(Please see below)

	<b>Autumn 1</b>	<b>Autumn 2</b>
<b>English</b>	Look who's moved in next door Slightly Annoying Elephant Literacy shed – pyramids Ancient Egypt non-fiction text Recap year 2 Grammar A/An	The Baddies Non-fiction living things Performance poetry Aldi advert – Kevin the Carrot Conjunctions
<b>Maths</b>	Place Value Addition/Subtraction	Addition/Subtraction Multiplication/Division
<b>Science</b>	Forces & Magnets	Animals including humans
<b>Geography</b>		
<b>History</b>	Ancient Egyptians	Ancient Egyptians
<b>RE</b>	3.6 Harvest (3hr) NCFL (1.1 Sukkot) (2hr/J) 3.1 The Old Testament – Called by God (7hr) UC 2A.2	3.2 Christmas (4hr)
<b>Art</b>		Craft and design/sculpture
<b>DT</b>		Textiles- Egyptian collars
<b>Music</b>	Let your spirit fly- Charanga	
<b>Computing</b>	Online safety Networks and internet Journey inside a computer	
<b>French</b>		Ourselves Celebrations
<b>PSHE</b>	Relationships: Respect Family and friends British Values: Respect Protected characteristics – Gender	Respectful relationships – online and face-to face British Values: Individual Liberty
<b>PE</b>	Netball Swimming	Tennis Swimming

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Silcock, Mrs Duncan and Mrs Watson