



# 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 Rowlands is working Monday-Thursday and Mrs Watson will be working on a Friday in 3RW and Mrs Kirkpatrick in 3K. Our teaching assistant this year is Mr Johnson.

## 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 3RW will be going during the first term. An additional letter has been sent out to 3RW and one will be sent to 3K 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 Friday and it is to be handed in no later than the following Friday. 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 Friday. 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 back of 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)

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2
English	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 Adverts – Kevin the carrot Conjunctions
Maths	Place value Addition and subtraction	Addition and subtraction Multiplication and division
Science	Forces and magnets	Animals including humans
Geography		
History	Ancient Egyptians	Ancient Egyptians
RE	What do different people believe about God?	Why are festivals important to religious communities? How do people from religious and non-religious communities celebrate key festivals? Christmas
Art		Craft and design/sculpture
DT		Textiles-Egyptian collars
Music	Let your spirit fly - Charanga	
Computing	Online safety Networks and the internet Journey inside a computer	
French		Ourselves Celebrations
PSHE	Relationships – family and friends British values : respect Protected characteristics - gender	Respectful relationships – online and face-to-face British values: individual liberty
PE	Netball Swimming	Tennis Swimming

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Rowlands, Mrs Kirkpatrick and Mrs Watson