



Year 3

Moving from Key Stage 1 into Key
Stage 2

Introduction

The purpose of this booklet is to help you support your child when they move from Year 2 in Key Stage 1 (infants) to Year 3 in Key Stage 2 (juniors).

Your child was used to being one of the older ones in Key Stage 1 and now they are one of the younger ones in Key Stage 2. Added to this they have to adjust to a new teacher, timetable, larger children and staff they do not know well.

It is an exciting time but it can also be an unsettling time for both pupils and parents, so this booklet aims to provide you with more information and clarification.



Welcome to Year 3!



Miss Marcroft
(Class Teacher)



Mrs Wood
(Teaching Assistant)



Mrs Allatt
(Teaching Assistant)

Our Expectation for Year 3 Pupils

In Year 3 we expect the children to become more independent in the ways that they organise themselves and to take more control of their own learning.

By independence we mean that children should be able to arrive at school and organise themselves in the cloakroom i.e. hang up their coats and bags. They should be able to take from their bags all the items they will need during the course of the day: this will also include the responsibility of knowing when to change their reading books.

At the end of the day, children do the reverse and get everything together to go home.

During lesson times, your child will be given opportunities to research topics, develop independent learning skills, develop good work habits and organise the collection and return of their homework. Your role as parents is to help us achieve this independence with your child at school and to support your child with reading at home every night. Your support is vital.

Life in Key Stage 2

Start and Finish Times

The doors open at 8.40am and close at 8.50am, just like Key Stage 1. The entrance/exit door is at the right side of the school near the hall windows. Any children who arrive after 8.50am will have to go through the Office and they will get a late mark. Please ensure that your child is on time for school. The school day will end at 3pm.



School Meals

The children in Key Stage 2 have their lunch between 12.15 and 1.00 p.m. If you would like your child to have school meals it is important that dinner money is put in an envelope with your child's name and class on it and brought into school and given to their class teacher or handed in at the Office.

At lunchtime the children eat in the hall and are supervised by lunch time supervisors and teaching assistants. If there is a wet lunchtime then there is one teaching assistant for each classroom.

Break-times

Break time is 10.45am-11.00am. Milk will be available for those children whose parents request it. If you would like your child to have milk at break times please ask at the Office who can provide you with the weekly price. Your child may also bring a piece of fruit to school to have at break time. Children can have access to water throughout the day with their water bottles. If your child needs a new water bottle, these can be purchased from the Office.

Uniform

Please ensure all items of uniform are clearly marked with your child's name on. Our uniform is very important to us, so please make sure your child wears the correct school uniform including black shoes.

P.E.

The same kit as in Key Stage 1 (*please remember that this must include a pair of pumps*). The children experience a wide range of sports. In Key Stage 2 we use the outside as much as possible.

Homework

Your child will receive regular topic and maths homework. For their topic homework, they will receive points for tasks in order to gain either a bronze, silver or gold certificate and there are extra bonus points for effort.



Your support in helping your child complete and return their homework is very important. Children will continue to bring spellings home weekly and we ask that you ensure you still listen to your child read daily.

Behaviour

School rules are the same for Key Stage 2 as for Key Stage 1. We expect every child to follow our school rules both inside the classroom and outside at break and dinner times. Good behaviour is rewarded by Dojos and star certificates, which are celebrated on Friday mornings in Star Assembly.

Extra-Curricular Activities

There are many opportunities available for your child to develop skills in sport, music, and computing whilst they are in Key Stage 2. These take place during lunchtimes and after school. Information is sent out to parents/carers throughout the year.

And Finally...

The door does not close now your child is in Key Stage 2. You can come and see any of the staff, before or after school, if you have any questions or concerns. We are always here to help.