

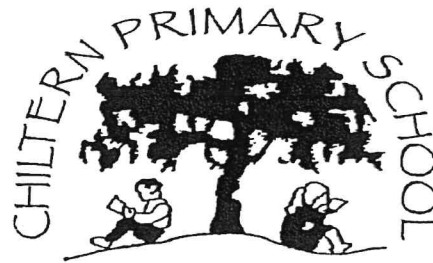
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### Year 3 Welcome Letter

Welcome to Year 3. This letter explains some of the rules and class routines which you may find useful for a successful transition into Key Stage 2. Please keep it handy so you can refer back to it over the coming months.

Letters will continue to be sent via Parent pay in an email format, so please check your correspondence regularly as letters may be sent at any time. Letters/information will also be put on the school website – [www.chiltern.northants.sch.uk](http://www.chiltern.northants.sch.uk)

### School times

Year 3 will start lessons at 8:45 am and finish at 3:15 pm. Pupils will enter via the pedestrian entrance that leads to the Year 3 classroom. A member of staff will be there to point you in the right direction for the first few mornings.

The gates will be opened promptly at 8:38 am. Should your child arrive early, they must wait patiently outside their classroom door.

The children can be collected from the same door at 3:15 pm.

### Water Bottles

Children learn best when they are fully hydrated so all children should have a named water bottle in school. The school will provide each child with a water bottle, which are rinsed daily by the children and washed weekly by adults. However, children may bring their own into school if they wish. These will need to be taken home at the end of each week to be washed. Please make sure bottles are filled with water only.

### Fruit

We encourage the eating of fresh fruit at morning break. In KS2 this needs to be provided by you and kept in lunch boxes, or disposable lunch bag. Please note that any snack that is not deemed to be fruit or veg will be returned to you at the end of the day.

### Reading

In Year 3, in addition to the independent, whole class and group reading the children do in school, they are expected to read for at least 10 minutes every evening at home. Even though some children are fluent, they may not fully understand what they are reading, so it is vital that your child reads to an adult at least twice a week and is questioned on what they have read. In addition, an adult should sign the child's reading record to show they are reading regularly. Please continue to do this as we will monitor how much the children are reading at home on a regular basis. Reading books must be in school every day and may be changed on any day, as required.

The children will also need their reading records to store their log in details for Computing lessons, TTRockstars and their reading levels (Accelerated Reader).

### Homework

Every Friday, the children will be set weekly Maths or English homework to complete. It is expected that this work will take a maximum of 30 minutes to complete and will be returned to school the following Tuesday. The children will also learn a spelling pattern every week and will be given a list of spellings they should learn. There will be a weekly spelling test of words linked to the week's spelling pattern.

It is important that children do their homework, as it reinforces and consolidates work done in class.

## Weekly Homework Timetable

Reading	Maths or English	Spellings	TTRockstars
10mins Daily	Approx. 30 min work given out on a Friday, to be returned by Tuesday.	Given out on Friday to be tested the following week.	Log on and play at least twice a week.

### PE

The children will continue to come to school in their PE kits on their PE days. It is important that they wear burgundy or black shorts and a white T-shirt, under a pair of black/grey joggers and a sweatshirt, as they will be in these clothes all day. It is also important that they bring a change of shoes (old shoes or wellies). PE days for Year 3 will be on Monday (indoor) and Thursday (outdoor).

It is important that the **no jewellery rule** at school is followed as pupils will not be able to participate in PE sessions or break times if they are wearing any. Plastic posts can be worn in pierced ears if you choose.

PE is a vital and statutory part of the curriculum. Watches may be worn if your child can tell the time but these need to be removed for all break times and PE lessons. Please also ensure long hair is tied back.

### Art/DT

Please ensure your child has an art overall or old shirt in school for these lessons as the school will take no responsibility for damage to school uniform if it is not covered correctly.

### Lockers

All children in KS2 are allocated a locker. These lockers are for the children to keep their PE kit, book bag, coat and any other bag they bring to school in. Bags that are too big to fit in the lockers may not be brought to school. All stationery will be provided by the school – pencil cases will not be allowed for the moment.

### Visits

We are hoping to plan trips to further the children's learning experiences, so please keep an eye out for these on via email.

We try to book a day at The Living Rainforest as an introduction to our topic in the summer term, if this is at all possible. Further information will be sent out. Last year, the day was approximately £20.00 per pupil.

The children will also have the opportunity to go on the Year 3 and 4 residential to PGL, although please note, there are a limited number of places which will be allocated on a first come, first served basis.

### Finally

If you have any concerns or worries, do not hesitate in contacting a member of the Year 3 team. We will be available in the classroom after school and at the door in the mornings.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to seeing you next week!

Mrs Anitei  
Year 3 Class teacher