

# Year 3 Autumn 2024 Newsletter

A very warm welcome to all our families. We hope that you have all had a lovely summer and are ready for the new school year. We are very excited to welcome your children to year 3 and we look forward to settling them in and getting to know them and you over the coming weeks.

**THE TEAM:** Mr Max Statham (Year Team Lead) is sharing MSCW/3 with Miss Charlotte Wareham and will be supported by Mrs Debi Ball (LSA). Mr Statham will be teaching Monday to Thursday and Miss Wareham will be teaching Fridays. Mrs Clare Brown is teaching CB/3 with the support of Mrs Hanna Purnell (LSA), Miss Rosemary Page will be teaching RP/3 with the support of Mrs Jo Everett (LSA) Monday to Thursday and Miss Abi Bates (LSA) on a Friday.

As your children move from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2 we are aware that many of you will have questions and we hope that we are able to answer most of them through this letter. Much of your child's day will be very similar to that of year 2, with only a small number of changes. The children will spend their breaktime and lunchtimes on the Key Stage 2 playgrounds with the rest of Key Stage 2. At lunchtime, there is often a timetable of activities that the children can choose to take part in. They will have a breaktime in the mornings but no longer in the afternoon. You may also wish to note that in Key Stage 2, the funding for universal free school meals ends, with the exception of those who are eligible to claim benefit related free school meals.

To find out if you are eligible, there is a checklist on <https://www.gov.uk/apply-free-school-meals/hampshire>

## Weekly Routines

**P.E days:** Wednesday (Indoor P.E)  
Friday (Outdoor P.E)

Please bring in suitable kit for all weather (shorts and a t-shirt for indoor PE, tracksuit and sports shoes for outdoor PE) in a named, drawstring bag.

**Library day:** Thursday

Please remember your borrowed books each week.

### Water bottles:

Please make sure your child brings a clearly named water bottle to school each day. Please can we emphasise that these must only contain water.

### Fruit snack:

The fruit scheme provided by Hampshire does not continue into KS2 and so please could we request, in line with our healthy school status, that you send in a low packaged fruit or vegetable snack for your child to eat during their morning break time.

## Dates for your Diary

**24.9.24** Y3 Trip to Marwell Zoo

**18.10.24** INSET Day

**23.10.24** Individual Photographs

**25.10.24** Individual Photographs Mop Up

**28.10.24** Half-Term

**03.11.24** Fireworks Night

**05.11.24 & 07.11.24** Parents Evening

**25.11.24** CB3 Celebration 9-10:30am

**26.11.24** RP3 Celebration 9-10:30am

**27.11.24** MSCW3 Celebration 9-10:30am

**29.11.24** INSET day

**06.12.24** Christmas Fayre and Market

**w/c 16.12.24** Christmas performances (TBC)

**20.12.24** Optional early finish 1:15pm

## Reading in Year 3



In the first term of Year 3, the children will continue to have guided reading sessions, reading a banded book matching their reading abilities. These books will be bought home so that the children can continue to embed their reading skills by reading to an adult at home. They should be able to decode these books independently. We cannot emphasise enough the importance of reading at home and encourage the children to continue regular reading with an adult so that they can continue to work on their fluency, expression and comprehension skills, whilst building a repertoire of their favourite books. All children will bring home a reading log book in order to record their reading at home.

Your child will also bring home a library book to enjoy and share as a family, they may need help decoding this book.

In addition, the children will explore high-quality texts as a whole class. Focuses will change each week and will include skills such as learning how to summarize the events and respond to questions, learning how to make inferences, and predicting what might happen from details already known. Our aim this year is to continue to foster a love of reading in each and every child in our classes!

## The Rainforest

We are looking forward to the year ahead and teaching all of your fantastic children. We have an exciting journey planned full of discovery, critical thinking and hands on learning. We have an exciting project, **'The Rainforest'** planned for your child's first term in Year 3, where we will be exploring the wonders and mysteries of the Sumatran Rainforest. We will be learning all about the different layers of the rainforest, where in the world we can find a rainforest, what palm oil is as well as exploring the effects of the palm oil industry on Sumatra and the rest of the world. We have ignited the children's curiosity and interest for their new project with a project hook day where the children carried out creative and stimulating activities. To enhance our learning within this project, we have also planned a visit to Marwell Zoo on *Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September*. A detailed letter with further information will be sent out to you very soon but please make a note of the date.

### Maths

- Number, addition and subtraction  
100 and bridging 100  
Calculating 3 digit numbers  
Securing mental strategies
- Multiplication and division
- Time tables 2,4 and 8 and the relationship between them.

### Science

- Longitudinal Study
- Forces- Magnets
- Light and Shadows

### PE

- Handball games
- Football
- Creative Dance

### RE

- Messages
- Angels

### PDL

- Healthy Relationships
- Emotions

### English

- Poetry and performing own poems
- Diary entries
- Narrative stories
- Persuasive adverts
- Sustained 'Write on' tasks
- Let's Think in English

### Art

- Sketching and painting using pastels and water colours
- Printing
- Looking at the artworks of Henri Rousseau

### DT

- Designing a shell structure for a gift box
- Designing and making Christmas decoration

### Music

- Music from different traditions (Samba)

### Computing

- Using CAD to support their DT project

### Geography

- Sumatran Rainforest- the impact of palm oil

### *What can I do at home to help?*



Along with regular reading, the children will have spellings to practise and will be tested on these words every week. This will take place on a Monday. Spelling lists will be added to your child's Google Classroom and these can be accessed from their current Google account. Logins will be stuck into reading log books and sent home. From Autumn 2, we will also be testing the children on their times tables, beginning with their 2's and 10's. They will be learning to recall them in any order and so any extra practise at home will be beneficial. Further information will be sent out closer to the time.

### *Communication*



Communications can be made to your child's class teacher through **'Class Dojo'**. Dojo is useful for quick communications about areas such as curriculum news or specific messages regarding behaviour and should be your first 'port of call' if you have any concerns. Your child's class teacher will access and respond to dojo messages around the school day and after school, during office hours. Communications regarding absence or any prolonged communications, please continue to email the school office or phone reception.

We hope that you have found this letter informative and would like to thank you in advance for your support. We look forward to working alongside you to ensure that your children have a fantastic year at Berrywood.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Statham

Miss Wareham

Mrs Brown

Miss Page