



Dear children, parents and carers,

We hope you have had a great summer and are well rested. We can't wait to welcome you into Year 3! I really enjoyed getting to know you all better during our move up morning. The entire Year 3 team can't wait to start working with you all.

Our values for this term are Generosity and Compassion. Worship time in school will focus on this. We will be starting the academic year with a one week, whole-school topic based on the book 'The Dot' and linking this to how we grow as learners and growth mindset.

In our English lessons will start by focussing on handwriting, sentence structure and persuasive writing, with our first core text being 'The Great Kapok Tree.'

In Maths, we will start by developing our place value skills, followed by further work on addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

In Science, we will begin by focussing on the human body by looking at: our skeletons, how we move and nutrition and diet. By the end of the term, we will also have looked at food waste and rocks.

Children will begin to learn French this year, which will begin with learning the basic phonics and greetings along with colours and numbers.

Please see the annual overview for Class 3 which is on the website for further information about this term's learning and the rest of the year.

Home Learning - Homework this year will focus on reading and maths. Children should spend between 5-10 minutes x5 a week on Doodle Maths, although Doodle English, Spell and Tables can also be used. The aim is for the children to be in the green zone on the little Doodle petrol gauge on screen. Please note that Doodle is a bespoke learning platform which learns at your child's speed and is tailored to their needs based on the Baseline assessments carried out in class. We would encourage the children to Doodle independently if at all possible. Doodle passwords and usernames will be given out at the beginning of the year.

Reading - Our expectation is that children read each day for at least 10-15 minutes. Children can read independently or to an adult daily (still beneficial to develop fluency, flow and expression). We expect reading to be recorded, either by an adult or child, even if it's just a short note, so that we can keep track of their progress. Please ensure your child brings their reading record to school each day.

Affordability - Term 1: Ali Ball (Egyptologist) visiting in school. Cost Approx. £9
Term 6: Year 3 camp out at AKPS school field. Cost approx. £12.50

General Reminders...

PE: PE will be on a **Wednesday** and **Friday**. Please can you send your child in full PE kit on those days, each week.

Forest School sessions: Tuesday 16th September and Tuesday 7th October (First half term only so far). These dates may be subject to change - you will be notified of this. Please can you send your child into school in appropriate clothing - long sleeves, long trousers, appropriate footwear. Please can you also provide your child with a pair of wellies that they can either keep in school or be brought in, in a named plastic bag.

Uniform: Please can you ensure that each piece of clothing your child wears to school is clearly labelled, to ensure we can return any lost property to the correct child.

Parent helpers: We would be hugely appreciative of volunteers to help with reading in Class 3 from September. If you are able to offer any time to hear readers please could you let me know via email (a.airey@ashtonkeynes.wilts.sch.uk) so we can arrange a convenient time for you to help. Thank you.

Stay & Share: Class 3 will host their stay and share for parents and carers on Tuesday 11th November from 2:45-3:15pm. This gives you a chance to look at your child's books and see what we've been learning.

Any further information and important dates, will be sent to you throughout the term.

Miss Airey & the Year 3 team