



# WEST BOROUGH

## YEAR 3 PARENT INFORMATION



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### Year 3 Staff

**Hawthorn Class** – Class Teacher: Mr Barden - Teaching Assistant: Mrs Manser  
**Hornbeam Class** – Class Teacher: Mrs Bunting - Teaching Assistants: Mrs Tarran & Miss Salisbury  
**Leader of Learning for Woodlands Team (Y3 & 4):** Mrs Bunting

**PPA Cover:** Every other **Thursday**. The day is covered by Mrs Hill and Mr Atkinson. Children need to wear their PE kits to school on a **Monday and a Thursday**. Please wear warmer clothes (navy joggers and navy hoodie) in the colder months and please take out earrings.

### Our Learning

During the course of the year our topic enquiry questions will be:

- Term 1:** Where on Earth are we?
- Term 2:** Why should we remember the Maya?
- Term 3:** Which was more impressive- the Stone Age or Iron Age?
- Term 4:** Can you come on a Great American Road Trip?
- Term 5:** How is our county changing?
- Term 6:** How does your garden grow?

For the first few weeks, we are spending time gauging where the children are in their Maths and English learning, so we can plan to fill any gaps. Please be reassured that we are taking time to ensure everyone settles back in to school life after the summer holidays. In Year 3, your child will be introduced to a scheme called Accelerated Reader. This ensures that all pupils are accessing books that are appropriate to their reading stage and stamina.

Learning is cross curricular and we will continue to focus on deepening understanding of Maths through the mastery approach and English skills. Children will be expected to write in Standard English and expectations of handwriting, spelling, punctuation and grammar will continue to be high.

Alongside our academic curriculum, children are taught a range of skills which help them to become resilient citizens. As well as a focus on our **Core Values**, pupils will have regular RHE (Relationship & Health Education) sessions and develop their knowledge and the use of Zones of Regulation. These zones help children to recognise and communicate how they are feeling in a safe, non-judgemental way. Any trips or visits will be confirmed later on in the year once bookings have been made.

### Timestables

It is also an expectation that children in Year 3 know their 2, 3, 4 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Children will continue to be tested as part of the 'Times tables' award in which certificates are awarded for continued high achievement. Times tables should be practised regularly at home. Children can also practise at home via Times Tables Rockstars. A reminder of their login will come home with them in their reading record.

### Learning at Home

Children are expected to read at home at least 3 times a week and the reading record should be signed. However, reading books need to be in school every day. Reading books are to be changed by the children once they have completed their online Accelerated Reader quiz. **Our target in Year 3 is to read for at least 20 minutes per night.**

The children are responsible for writing their name when they are ready to take their AR quiz, the class teacher or TA will facilitate this. Children can not take their quiz at home.

In addition to reading, we expect the children to learn and practise times tables and weekly spellings. The children will also continue to have home learning. This needs to be completed and returned to school on a **MONDAY** morning.

### Water Bottles and Fruit

Please ensure your child has a named water bottle in school everyday, **this should contain plain water only**. They may also bring in a fruit snack for playtime. If it is cut fruit, please place in a named container.

Welcome to Year Three, we are looking forward to another fun and productive year. We have some really excited learning planned for you this year and we know that you will learn a lot – make sure that you explain your learning to your grown up when you get home – you never know, you might be teaching them something new!

### Class Teacher Contact

Should you need to contact your child's teacher, please send a message via Class Dojo. Absences can be reported via Parent-Mail, or by telephone (01622 726391). To advise us of a change in collection arrangements, please telephone the office (by 2:15pm where possible) or let the class teacher know the day before. Please note that Dojo's may not be checked during the day, so if your matter is urgent, please contact the school office.

**Equality, Responsibility, Respect, Resilience, Challenge**