

Welcome to Year 3



We would just like to start the academic year by welcoming your family to our year group in school and introducing ourselves to you. We are very excited about working with you and your child and look forward to getting to know everyone over the next couple of weeks. We have been so excited for September and to embrace the new curriculum that the whole school have been working so hard on before the summer holidays. It focuses on the big question '**How can we make a difference?**' and we are already impressed with the suggestions the children have put forward.

Please watch the video re our curriculum launch if you have not already had the chance to do so –

SPCEDS Curriculum Launch - <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=lskABf9UPnU>

This year's Year 3 staff are:

Nicola Pettit – Class Teacher in Y3NPSE (Monday – Thursday)

Sarah Ekins – Class Teacher in Y3NPSE (Friday)

Emma Potts – Class Teacher Y3EP

Sue Hirst – Class Teacher Y3SH

Suzanne Cawley – Higher Level Teaching Assistant

Anna Mazur – Teaching Assistant

Claire Blunt, Luci Mills, Claire Thrower – Learning Support Assistants

Claire Blunt, Claire Thrower, Anna Mazur, Suzanne Cawley – Lunchtime Assistants

Nicola Pettit, Emma Potts and Sue Hirst will have PPA (planning, preparation and assessment) time on a Wednesday morning, so the children will be taught by Rachel Winfield, Sarah Ekins and Suzanne Cawley. These may be different faces you see at drop off and pick up times.

We continue to ask the children to come to school ready in their PE kits on their PE days. Just as with our school uniform, we ask that the children come in the appropriate PE kit as listed below. We are hoping to again take part in sport festivals and tournaments with other classes in school and schools across our Sport's Cluster so it is important that we are ready to represent our school.

For your child's safety please can you make sure that there are no earrings in your child's ears on these days.

Wednesday: Indoor PE

Indoor Kit: Purple or white T Shirt (plain), navy blue or black shorts (plain), plimsolls or trainers.

Thursday: Outdoor PE

Outdoor Kit: As indoor kit plus tracksuit for colder weather (tracksuit to be dark colours).

For the children's Home Learning, we will be setting challenges in Reading Rambles and Maths Meander books. They will also have spellings to learn on a piece of paper. These will be sent home on a Friday and tested the following Friday in our spelling lesson.

We ask that the children take responsibility for this, engage and talk to you about it. Time will be available in school if it is needed as we know sometimes there are just not enough hours in the day – especially with important family time to be had!

Our class story this term is **The Hedgehog** by Dick King Smith. This links in well to our written work on non-fiction texts about hedgehogs and other nocturnal animals.

Fortnightly, the children will be taking part in our Multiplication Mondays, where we will focus on the times tables, one at a time to help their learning. We will send some activities home for you to do with your child to encourage faster recall of the facts. We would really appreciate your support in this as a quick recall helps in so many areas of maths learning and is a useful skill for future life.

Key Events coming up in Term 1:

Monday 13th September: Roald Dahl Day: <https://www.roalddahl.com/> (To be celebrated in school on Friday 17th September).

Friday 1st October: National Poetry Day – Theme Choice

Key Events coming up in Term 2:

Monday 8th November – Friday 12th November: Maths Week: <https://mathsweekengland.co.uk/>

Friday 12th November: Children in Need

Sunday 14th November: World Diabetes Day

W/B 15th November: Anti-Bullying Week (remember your odd socks or colourful tights).

Friday 10th December: Christmas Jumper Day

We look forward to meeting you all and working with you to help your child develop, both academically and as a person. If you need to contact us about anything, please feel free to talk to us at the end of the day, or email us on Y3@spaldingparish.lincs.sch.uk We also have a Twitter page: Y3@SPCEDS where we will showcase some of the exciting learning we have been doing.

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team