

Welcome to Year 3



**Working together to support your
child**

From Year 2 to Year 3

- **Meetings between Mrs De La Croix, Mrs Turner and myself at the end of the Summer term.**
- **Sharing information about the whole class and individual children.**
- **Transition lesson at the end of term.**



The Year 3 team

- **Miss Woodhouse**

Teaching all week (except Thursday and Friday afternoons – PPA and Coordinator time)

- **Mr Tyler**

Class TA and covering Miss Woodhouse's PPA time

- **Mr Crouch**

Postgraduate Trainee Teacher



	Before Break				After Break				Afternoon		
Monday	EMW	Maths -inc BMBT	Assembly	B	English comprehension skills		Literacy Activities		Yoga/ Fitness	Science	
Tuesday	EMW	Maths	French	R	English Spelling practice		Literacy Activities	U	History/Geography Recorders (1.15-2.15)		
Wednesday	EMW	Maths	Assembly	E	English Spelling practice		Literacy Activities	N	RE	PE	
Thursday	EMW	Maths	Debating /PHSE	A	English Spelling practice		Literacy Activities	C	Computing		Eco/ School Council/ Editors feedback
Friday	EMW	Maths	Music	K	PE	SPAG	Literacy Activities	H	Assembly	Tables and spelling	Golden Time

Topics this year include ...

- **Computing- Programming an animation, Coding.**
- **Science – Plants, Rocks and Soils, Forces**
- **Geography - St Albans, Earthquakes and Volcanoes .**
- **History – Ancient Greece**
- **DT – Model making and a cooking project**
- **Music- listening, appraising and performing – including Bob Marley**
- **R.E- Focus on Judaism and Christianity**



English

All of KS2 will continue to follow Read Write Inc Literacy and Language. The Year 3 units start with Stories with a familiar setting and Recounts

In addition we will make a number of cross curricular links within English and Science.

Literacy Activities for 20/30 minutes every day

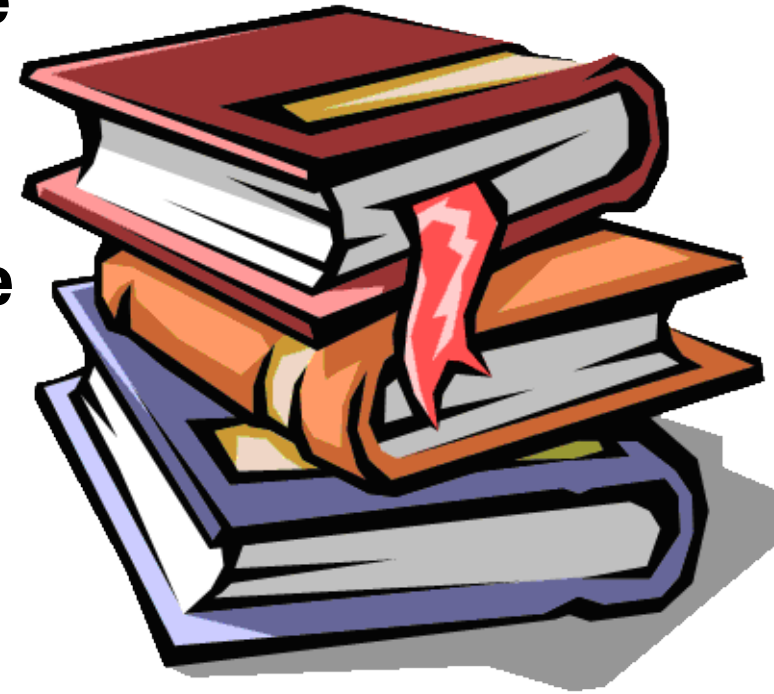
- **Guided Reading, Free writing, Handwriting, a computer task and a team game activity**
 - **If children have a neat cursive style they will move onto using a Touch Typing Programme**
- **SPAG and Comprehension lessons – weekly – Key focus across KS2**
- **Spellings will be sent home every Friday which children will be tested on the following Friday**
 - **Differentiated spellings dependent on what children need.**
 - **We will practice these spellings 3x a week in school.**
 - **Your help with practicing these at home is very much appreciated**



Reading

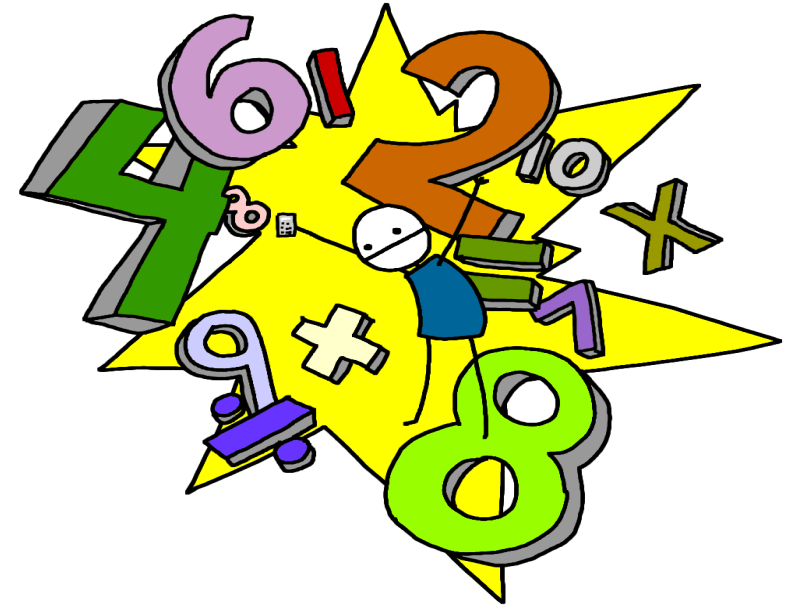
- **Weekly guided reading With Miss Woodhouse**
 - **Either using a Guided Reading book or Bug Club**
- **Individual independent reading in class (daily) -can be school books or their own.**
- **Reading at home (to an adult and on their own) Please use the new reading diaries.**

Reading list on the school website.



Maths

- Maths lessons each day
- A mix of independent, group and teacher led work
- Problem Solving, Mental Maths and ICT work as part of the curriculum.



- X Tables and division facts to be learnt across the year (2x – 12x).
 - Different X Tables will need to be learnt/ practiced each week.
 - This will be written in the Homestudy folders.
 - Aim to be as confident as possible with all X Tables and division facts by the end of the year
 - New Books for parents available

PE

- **P.E. lessons will take place on Wednesday and Friday**
- **- Units covered this year include:**

Dance

Gymnastics

Basketball

Football

Fitness

THE RUN!

- **Please ensure that your child has indoor and outdoor kits available each week and suitable outdoor trainers.**
- **A warm jumper and jogging bottoms are very useful during the winter – we will be outside!**
- **A plastic bag for the muddy shoes is helpful to have in their PE bag.**
- **Hair must be tied back!**



Classroom Organisation

- **Maths, English and English Activity groups are ability based.**
- **Children sometimes work individually/in pairs/small groups/as a whole class**
- **Mixed ability groups where appropriate**
- **Ongoing targets/ next steps are set for Literacy and Maths**
- **Ongoing teacher assessments/ end of unit/half-termly/ end of year assessments.**
- **Groupings may change over the year based upon the nature of activities and based upon progress. Parents will not be informed about changes in groupings unless a child's progress is cause for concern.**

Homestudy

- **English tasks will be sent home on a Friday to be returned the following Wednesday.**
 - **Alternate tasks each fortnight (Practice Task/ Thinking Task)**
- **Maths Homestudy will be set on MyMaths**
- **Your help with ensuring your child's homework is returned on time each week is very much appreciated.**
- **Important that the children try their best with the activity set. Please let us know if your child is finding it difficult.**
- **Spellings and X Tables practice in addition to this.**

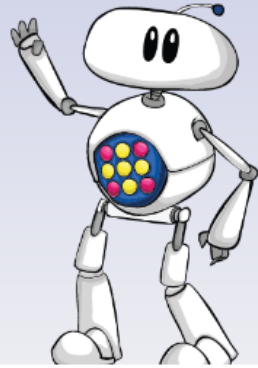


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Year 3 Expectations

- **A big jump from Year 2 to Year 3. We are trying to make it as smooth as possible for ALL involved!**
- **HIGH expectations**
- **Children are expected to work as hard as they can to reach their individual targets.**
- **Aim to support the children in developing their independence skills.**
- **Children to show that they can be happy and supportive members of the class.**

Rewards and Sanctions

- **High expectations in Year 3**
- **Circle Time in class.**
- **Daily Year 3 award – Captain Cool**
- **House Points/ Stickers in books.**
- **Head Teacher Awards.**
- **Golden time on Friday afternoons.**
- **Work always needs to be their best!**



How can you help

- **Regular reading** -of a variety of texts at home. Please write in the diaries
- **Spellings**-Encouraging children to learn their spellings regularly. Revisit previous words
- **X Tables** - Practise at home ready for weekly tests.
- **Bedtimes**-Ensure your child gets plenty of rest and an early night on Sundays!
- **Parents in school**-We would welcome offers of help for in school activities.

And finally ...

- **Parents consultations Tuesday 18th and Thursday 20th October.**
- **Trip to the Natural History Museum on Monday 14th November 2016**
- **Twitter – MapleSchoolYr3**
- **News.maple.herts.sch.uk**
- **If you have any queries or concerns please come in and see me after-school or make an appointment at the office.**
- **Please let us know of any changes at home or other factors that may effect your child at school**
- **Thank you for coming this afternoon.**