

Knutsford Primary Academy

Welcome to Year 3

Staff

- **Teachers** – Miss Murrain, Miss Mead and Mrs Elliott
- **PPA teachers** – Ms Cooper (RE) and Mrs Freeman (Music)
- **TAs** – Mr Massally and Mrs Jahangir

Your child may also come into contact with the following members of staff who work across the school:

- Mrs Denbigh (Inclusion Coordinator)
- Mrs McConnon (Inclusion Support Worker)
- Mrs Jain (EAL teaching assistant)

Daily routines

- The children should arrive by 8.55am each day and, when the whistle blows, line up on the Upper key stage 2 playground. If your child is late they will need to sign in at the office so they can be registered.
- At the end of the day the children will be brought down to the upper key stage 2 playground (by the lunch trolleys).
- There are separate KS1 and KS2 playtimes. Our playtime is at 10:45 and lasts 15 minutes. Children are allowed to bring in a small healthy snack for playtime which should be fresh fruit or vegetables. Please do not send your child in with cereal bars, biscuits and chocolate.
- Lunchtime is at 12.15 - 1.20.

Equipment

- We provide all the stationery your child needs for school.
- If your child chooses to bring a bag to school it must be small enough to hang in the cloakroom. Some children put all of their equipment, including PE kit and trainers, in 1 large bag and carry it to and from school each day – there is no need for this, especially if it doesn't fit on their peg.
- A small water bottle has been provided. Children may choose to bring in their own bottle, but expensive varieties are not necessary.

Topics

The main topics the children will be learning about are:

Autumn 1	Stone Age (history)
Autumn 2	Rocks & Soils (science) and Spain (geography)
Spring 1	Plants (science)
Spring 2	Light and Animals including humans (science)
Summer 1	Romans (history)
Summer 2	Forces and Magnets(science)

Each half term you will receive a curriculum newsletter which outlines what we are aiming to teach in each subject.

PE

- We have PE on Monday and Tuesday
- PE kits should be in school every day in case of unavoidable changes to the timetable.
- PE lessons this year will be as follows:

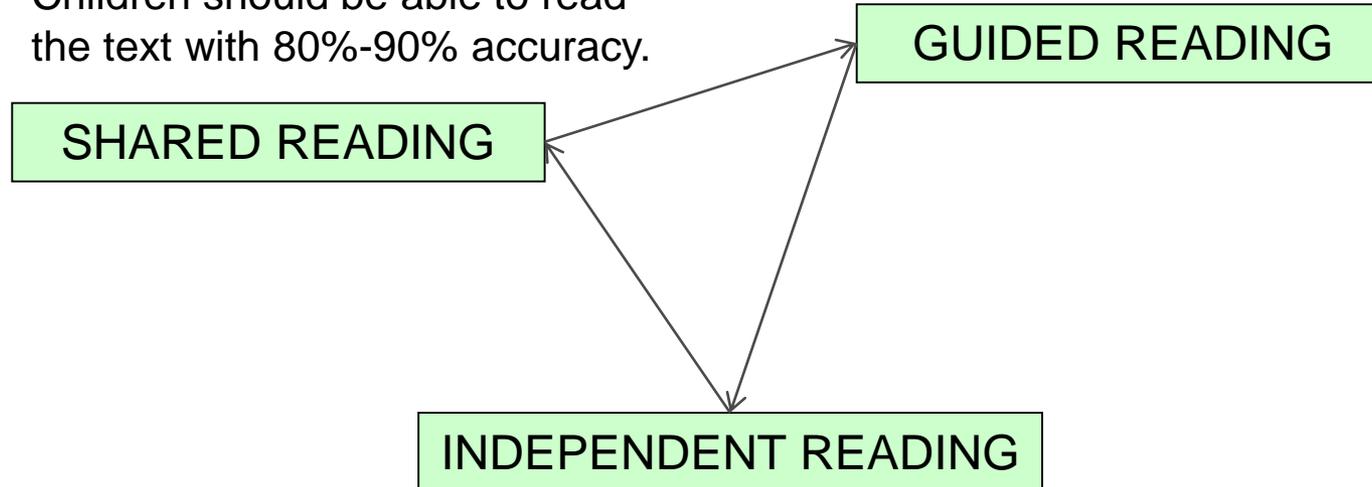
Reading

- Reading is the key to success in many areas of the curriculum and we give it a high priority.
- In Year 3, all children will have a guided reading session once a week with the class teacher.
- Reading at home – in Year 3 we expect your child to read at home at least 4 times per week for about 10 minutes each time. They are welcome to read more than this if they choose to.
- Reading records will be sent home with your child today and they are expected to record the title once, the date and the page number each time.
- Reading records will be checked once a week.

Reading

Shared reading: the adult reads and makes overt what good readers do through modelling good reading behaviours. Children should be able to read the text with 80%-90% accuracy.

Guided reading is the main teaching slot. Children should be able to read the text with 90-94% accuracy.



Independent reading: children read with little adult help. They should be able to read the text with 95% - 100% accuracy.

Reading Book Bingo

- Pupils should tick off the genres on the Book Bingo sheet at the back of their reading record.
- This encourages the children to read across a range of genres and read books by different authors.
- Children will get a maximum of one every half term. The aim is for this to take a term but we understand that it will take some children less time and some children more time and that is fine.

Adventure	Poetry	Comic book
Playscript	Michael Morpurgo	Myths
Jeremy Strong	Instructions	Roald Dahl
Newspaper article	A book by your favourite author	Information book



Please encourage your child to use Times Tables Rock Stars at home, as it is a motivational and challenging way to develop and consolidate times tables knowledge. This can be downloaded as an app for tablets and phones.

If you need your login details please ask your child's class teacher.

Remember it is better to play more often and for less time. For example, 3 or 4 times a week for 15 minutes, than in one big go!

Home learning

- We would appreciate your support with homework:
 - encourage your child to look after their home learning folders/sheets and take a pride in their work
 - provide a suitable place, away from TV, mobile phones and other distractions, in which home learning can be completed, whether working alone or with an adult
 - monitor home learning and inform the class teacher if an issue arises
 - support your child to plan their time and meet deadlines

Home learning

- As in Y2, homework will focus on times tables and number fluency, spelling, grammar and punctuation.
- This is all on one sheet with spellings on the back. Children will receive this on a Friday and it's due back the following Wednesday.
- The expected multiplication tables for Year 3 are **3s**, **4s** and **8s**.
- We will be learning these at school, however, your support to help the children consolidate these facts is greatly appreciated.

Knutsford University



We are delighted to announce the return of Knutsford University! Knutsford University will take place on four Friday afternoons in November and then again for a whole day in May.

How do parents find out about courses?

Parents are informed that the university is about to take place and what the courses are for that term in the Friday newsletter. At the same time Mrs Beaumont will ask if any parents would like to become involved by helping out. (Some parents even run courses for us and these have often been amongst the most popular.)

School uniform



We expect all children to wear the correct school uniform at all times, including for PE:

<http://www.knutsford.herts.sch.uk/parent-info/school-uniform/>

All items should be clearly marked with your child's name.

Lost property! We endeavour to return named items to their owner. Unnamed items will be placed in the lost property box which has been temporarily moved to one of the play huts in the KS2 playground – the one nearest the carpark.

E-safety

E-safety is of paramount importance in today's world and it forms an ongoing theme in our computing curriculum in each year group. The e-safety codes we use with the children, along with other information you may find useful, can be viewed on the school website.

<http://www.knutsford.herts.sch.uk/children-learning/e-safety/>

Please be aware of what your child accesses on computers, tables and phones at home. Unless you have the appropriate controls in place your child will be able to access more than cute kitten videos on You Tube.

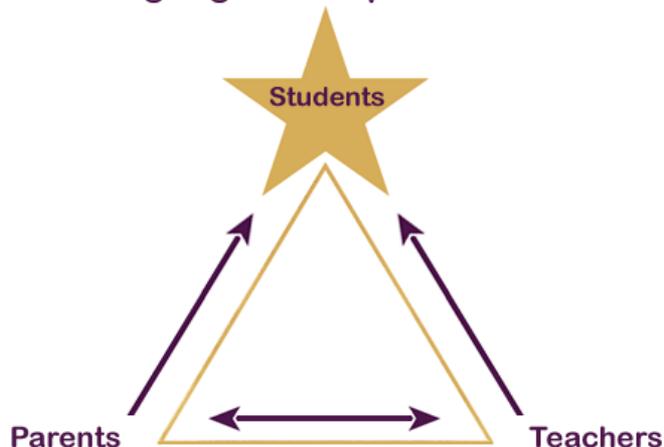


Communication

Communication is a two way process. Please do not hesitate to talk to us if you have any queries or concerns and we will do our very best to help in any way we can.

And vice-versa, we will contact you if we have any queries or concerns regarding your child's learning or behaviour.

Working together equals success!



**When teachers and parents work together,
students can reach for the stars!**

How to contact your child's teacher:

- Phone the office and leave a message, giving as much detail as possible, and the teacher will return your call after they have finished teaching.

Questions?

