



Welcome to Year 3 at Castlefield School



Teaching Staff

Phase Leader - Miss Sutcliffe

3P - Miss Price & Miss Smith

3B- Mrs Bland

3M- Miss McDonnell

Year 3...

Children need to come to school in their school uniform with black shoes. Please name everything!

Gates open at 8:40am so arrive promptly for handwriting practise. The gate will close at 8.50am.

Being even 5 minutes late really adds up and children miss out on valuable learning time.

5 mins late every day = 11.5 days absences across a year



Attendance

- ❖ Children must attend school every day
- ❖ Absences mean children miss out on important learning and quickly fall behind.
- ❖ No holidays in term time!



Lunches



A reminder that Universal Free school meals are only for children in Key Stage 1.

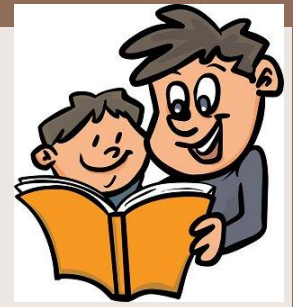
Remember to order and pay for hot lunches on ParentPay. This must be done in advance. If you do not order a lunch, your child must bring a packed lunch.

Please ensure your child has a healthy and balanced lunch.

We are nut free (this includes spreads like Nutella).

All children are encouraged to bring water in a water bottle for them to have in the classroom.

Homework



- ❖ Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday homework will be set on TT Rockstars. (10 minutes)
- ❖ Thursday and the weekend homework will be set on EdShed.

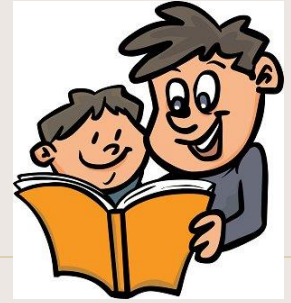
Your child should have been given a username and Password for both. If your child does not know their login details please ask their class teacher.

Reading and Maths journals to be signed everyday.

Curriculum

- ❖ We offer a broad and balanced curriculum which includes Science, History, Geography, Music, Art, DT, PSHE, PE, Learning for Life, Metacognition and RE. The different subjects are not all taught each week but will be covered across each term.
- ❖ Knowledge organisers are a summary of key facts and knowledge children need to know about a unit of work in different subjects. These can be found on our school website.

Reading



- ❖ Reading is a priority.
- ❖ Children in Year 3 will have a daily class reading lesson
 - ❖ Some children will continue with their RWI phonics lessons.
 - ❖ Children will listen to stories everyday.
 - ❖ Children will take home a book band reading book. This will match their reading level. They will be able to change their reading book when they can demonstrate that they understand what they have read, this may be only once or twice a week.
 - ❖ The children can also take home another book of their choice. Please read this with your child as well.

Regular reading impacts a child's success at school.
If not addressed early the educational gap widens...

Child A



Reads 20 minutes
per day

3,600 minutes
per school year

1,800,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
90th percentile

Child B



Reads 5 minutes
per day

900 minutes
per school year

282,000 words
per school year



Scores in the
50th percentile

Child C



Reads 1 minute
per day

180 minutes
per school year

8,000 words
per school year



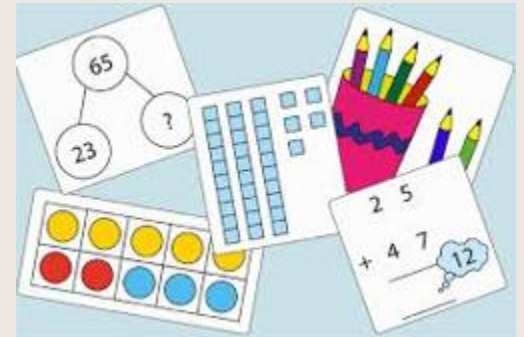
Scores in the
10th percentile

Standardised Test Scores

By the end of grade 6, Child A will have read the equivalent of 60 school days, Child B will have read for 12 school days and Child C will have read for 3 days. Nagy and Herman, 1987.

Maths

- ❖ We follow a Maths Mastery approach.
- ❖ The aim is to give children a firmer understanding of each area so they can apply their knowledge in different ways.
- ❖ Our lessons follow the sequence of:
 - Fluency
 - Variation
 - Reasoning
 - Problem solving



PE

- ❖ Year 3 have PE on Mondays and Wednesdays.
- ❖ Your child needs an appropriate PE kit in school every day. All PE kit must be named with full name and class.

For indoor, black shorts and a white t-shirt.
For outdoor black tracksuit bottoms, a sweatshirt, socks and trainers.



The Stone Age

This term our theme is the Stone Age.

Our trips and experiences will cost no more than £30 a year, this is less than £1 a week. Payable on ParentPay. You will receive a letter detailing the trip or experience day and the cost.

Although it is voluntary, if we do not receive enough money, the trip or experience will not go ahead.



Learning for Life and Metacognition

- ❖ Metacognition develops resilience and encourages the children to preserve, even when things are tricky.
- ❖ Learning for Life will provide the children with wider opportunities and experiences. This half term we are focusing on returning to school after the Summer break.

Topics and Experiences

Autumn Term - The Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages

❖ Visit to an Iron Age hillfort.

Spring Term - The Ancient Egyptians

❖ Egyptian Day

Summer Term - Roald Dahl

❖ Trip to Great Missenden and the Roald Dahl Museum

Things to do at home



- ❖ Support your child with their daily reading, spelling and maths homework. Talk to your child about their homework and listen to their explanations. Remember to sign it!
- ❖ Talk to your child about their school day.
- ❖ Contact the office to pass on a message to your child's class teacher if you have any questions or problems.
- ❖ Please check emails regularly.

And Finally...

Thank you for listening and taking the time to join us today.

Any changes to phone numbers and addresses need to be given to the office.

Any questions?

