



SAINT JOHN'S

September 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you had a great summer and are now refreshed and ready for a new school year. We are very excited to get to know you all.

Our key question for this term is 'Would you rather have lived in the Stone Age or the Iron Age?' and the curriculum areas we will focus on are included overleaf.

Teaching Arrangements

Year 3's class teacher is Miss Smith. Our class TA is Mrs Whalley. On Wednesday, Mr Vaughan will teach from 10.30am until 3.15pm, whilst Miss Smith has her PPA.

PE

PE sessions are on Wednesday and Friday. Please make sure that your child comes to school in their PE kit. This consists of trainers/pumps, black shorts or tracksuit bottoms, school jumper and a house PE shirt. New PE t-shirts can be purchased from the school office and cost £2.

Essentials:

Children should bring a water bottle and waterproof coat to school with them every day. They will also need a bookbag or sturdy zip wallet as this helps when letters are sent home and also keeps the children's belongings together and easily accessible. Backpacks are kept in the cloakroom to ensure the classroom remains clear and safe from obstructions.

Homework

Every Monday, children will receive a sticker in their reading record with their weekly homework activities. These will include 15 minutes on TTRockstars to practise their times tables (www.ttrockstars.com), reading and a maths or English activity. Homework needs to be handed in on Friday but may be handed in earlier if completed. A weekly list of spellings will be given to each pupil to learn. Spellings will be given out on a Friday for a test the following Friday. Children have access to EdShed (www.edshed.com) which provides interactive games to support the learning of weekly spellings. Homework and spellings will start from Monday 15th September.

Login details for both TTRockstars and EdShed can be found at the back of your child's reading record. For those children without internet access at home, there is the option to complete their TTRockstars in one of their lunch times.

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Reading

Children are expected to read at least two times throughout the week at home and their reading record should be signed to confirm that they have done this. We will also write in your child's reading record if we have read with them in school so please ensure that this is brought with them every day. Please discuss the reading with your child by asking them questions such as how they think the character was feeling and what they think is going to happen next. This develops their comprehension skills and will impact positively on their progress. VIPERS bookmarks will be sent home shortly; these are great for exploring reading with your child.

PG Film Permission

Over the course of the year, we may watch sections of programmes/films that link with an area of our learning e.g. Stig of the Dump. Some of these films are rated PG so please could you return the slip at the end of this letter stating whether you do or do not give your child permission to watch PG films.

Class Dojo

We are continuing to use Dojo as a method of communication. We will do our best to respond promptly to any messages but urgent/important messages, such as child absence, should go through the office. We will use Class Dojo to send messages that are specific to Year 3 but please make sure you read the school newsletter and whole school dojo for upcoming school events of which you should be aware.

Many thanks for your continued support. We look forward to seeing your children flourish this term!

Yours sincerely,

Anya Smith (Teacher) and Rosie Whalley (Teaching Assistant)

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Child's
name:.....

I give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

I DO NOT give permission for my child to watch a PG rated film in school.

Signed:.....

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