



St Paul's Year 3 Newsletter



September 2023

Dear Parents,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you all had an enjoyable summer break and that the children are excited about returning to school, now as a junior pupil!

Reading:

Please ensure book bags are brought in **every day**. Book change day is as follows:

3M – Wednesday. Book bags will be left in school on Wednesday afternoons and given back on Thursday.

3H – Monday. Book bags will be left in school on Monday afternoons and given back on Tuesday.

Your child will begin reading longer books. If your child is not finished with their book, please indicate that you would like to keep the book for another week before changing it.

We encourage your children to start writing their own insights and ideas in their Reading Logs themselves if they have not already begun to do so in Year 2. We still expect the log to be signed and/or commented on by an adult every week.

Passport Books for Year 3 are listed at the back of the reading records which offer them the chance to read a variety of fantastic texts. These are books we suggest your child takes home to read during the year.

PE:

PE is on Mondays and Thursdays for **3M**. For **3H**, PE is on Tuesdays and Thursdays.

Please ensure your child is not wearing earrings on these days, or is able to remove them themselves.

PE kits will be kept in school and will go home each half term to be washed.

PE kits consist of black shorts, plain white t-shirt and black plimsolls. Please clearly label every item of your child's PE kit (including the bag) so that it does not get lost or accidentally swapped with another child.

Homework

We will be sending out a spelling homework booklet with words for the children to learn every week. There will be weekly spelling tests on these words. Maths homework will set based on what the children have covered in class that week. Children will be given red books to complete maths homework in.

All homework will go out on a **Friday** and is due back the following **Tuesday**.

School uniform:

Please label your child's uniform clearly so that we can avoid confusion and can easily return clothing to their owners. Correct school uniform including shoes should be worn to school daily.

Trips:

We are currently planning exciting and unique trips/experiences for your child. Further details will be shared in due course.

We rely on parent helpers to support us in running these trips. If you are available to help on any trip this year please email the school office and let us know.

Volunteers:

If you would like to volunteer in class to hear children read or to practise maths facts, please speak to your child's class teacher. All volunteers in school are required to attend a briefing with the Headteacher.

Break time snacks:

The fruit snacks that children were given in the infants at break time were provided through a national scheme for infant children only. Sadly, there is not provision within this scheme for children in the juniors. Your child is welcome to bring their own fruit snack in from home to eat at morning break time.

Some children do find the transition from Year 2 to Year 3 a challenge so if you are concerned about your child, please let us know and we would be happy to discuss and offer support. You can also contact the school office using the following email:

office@stpauls.hounslow.sch.uk

Thank you!

Mrs Metcalf and Mr Horry