



PARENT'S GUIDE



Supporting your child in Year 3 Christchurch Junior School

The School Grounds

How to find us from Clarendon Road.



Red lines take you to the main entrance.

Blue lines take you to the Year 3 doors.

Skill: Responsibility

This is a fabulous opportunity to allow your child to start organising themselves! Allow them to carry their bag with their belongings. Encourage them to become familiar with packing and emptying their bag, especially their home learning tasks, reading record books and reading books. Give them responsibility and ownership.

How can you help?

Ask your child when and where they find it best to read and complete home learning tasks. Do they prefer to complete tasks straight away or later? Share experiences of learning together—but don't do it for them.

Skill: Concentration

In KS2 your child will need to spend greater amounts of time learning, listening and engaging in conversations.

How can you help?

Ensure they get a good night's sleep and have a decent breakfast. Make sure they keep hydrated and bring in a bottle of water for school. Snacks for mid-morning break are great—otherwise they will spend the lead up to lunch thinking about food!

To improve concentration—play Bananagram, Scrabble, Chess,

Skill: Independence

When dropping your child off at the classroom, this is your chance to stand back and watch them chat to friends and walk into class!

How can you help?

Encourage your child to develop these independent skills by finding their friends or classmates. Walk away and trust them to play.

Welcome to Year 3! This leaflet will walk you through the expectations of Year 3 and hopefully allow for a smooth transition.

We look forward to working alongside you to help your child thrive and flourish in the rich and varied life of Year 3.

To help your child reach their full potential and enjoy their first term, we have put together a few guidelines and things to think about.

Summer Skills!

Memory

Lay out ten items on a tray. One person takes an item. What's the missing item?

Questioning Skills

Talk to a relative of the family. Find out some interesting facts. Listen to the answer and ask follow up questions.

Tie Laces

How quickly can you tie a bow or a knot?

Barrier Games

Person A draws a picture. Person B follows A's instructions. E.g. draw a square with a circle above. Were the pictures the same?

Dressing for PE/Games and Swimming

Are you able to place your clothes in a bag in under 2 minutes?

Cutting and Gluing

How neat are you? Cut out a picture. Give it a heading. Start a scrap book.

Spatial Awareness

How many items can you fit in a small match box?

Talking skills

Watch your favourite TV program and tell an adult what happened

How can I help my child in English in Year 3?

Please keep reading to and with your child. Talk about the pictures, discuss the characters and predict what might happen. These are all great ways to engage in books.

Can they tell you about the plot, setting and characters?

Find time to write a letter, postcard or create a scrapbook.

A quick reminder of some of the key features they will have learnt in English:

Noun – name of a place, person or thing **dog**

Verb – the doing word: he **jumps**, we **stand**

Adjective – describe the noun: **brown, cold** dog

Expanded noun phrases – **The brown dog with a fluffy tail**

Continue a sentence with a conjunction – when, if, that and because

past tense – I **went**, I **walked**,

present tense – I **go**, I **walk**

Capital letters, full stops and question marks

How can I help my child in Maths in Year 3?

Times Tables are vital in many areas of maths and knowing them will give children the confidence to tackle more tricky concepts.

In Year 2 they will have learnt their 2x, 5x and 10x tables and corresponding division facts.

In Year 3 they will be expected to learn their 3x, 4x and 8x tables and corresponding division facts.

Number facts and fast mental addition and subtraction are very important and can be practised whilst out shopping, in the car or online.

In Year 2 your child was expected to add and subtract 2-digit numbers. (25 – 13)

In Year 2 your child was expected to add 3 one-digit numbers together in their head. (6+3+4)

In Year 3 will be expected to add and subtract 3 digit numbers.

In Year 3 are expected to be able to add 3 single digit numbers quickly in their heads.

Practising these skills will equip them well!

Into Year 3

Being polite

Which we know you are!

Get ready to do this lots! Open a door for someone.

Say – Please and Thank you.

Handwriting

Practise writing your favourite joke on a line. Descenders to go down: g, j, p, q, y

Ascenders go up: b, d, h, k, l, t

Measuring

Draw a picture using a ruler and a sharp pencil.

Writing

Keep a diary or a scrapbook. Write a letter to someone you haven't seen for a while.

Days and Months

Draw and write the days of the week and months of the year. Illustrate them.

Capital Letters

Write the alphabet in capital letters. Now find a picture and list 20 items. Use a capital letter to start each item.

Reading

Share your favourite book with an adult or find a cosy place to sit and look and read a book.

Time

How long is 10 minutes/30 minutes or 1 hour? Time yourself getting dressed, walking to your favourite place.