

## The National Curriculum

In Year 3 children begin to follow the National Curriculum.

We continue to approach learning through themes / topics to ensure we develop children's skills in all areas of the National Curriculum with a focus on literacy and numeracy. These are:

- English
- Maths
- Science
- Welsh Second Language
- Information Technology (I.T)
- History, Geography & R.E
- Art, Music & D.T
- P.E

We also focus on developing children's key skills of ICT and thinking across all of these areas of the curriculum.

We approach activities through a theme / topic. And embrace the themes of food and fitness, curriculum cymreig and global citizenship and sustainable development.

## Junior Topics 2018-19



Junior children will be focusing on the topics 'Here and Now, Then and There' with a Victorian theme running throughout and 'Reach for the Sky' with a geographical landmarks theme over the course of the year. We also have a high focus on welsh culture during the Spring.

Reducing the number of adult led topics from three to two, will allow us to focus on utilising the children's interests, events and current news to engage learners.

The children will be developing their skills at a level appropriate to their stage of development in all areas of the curriculum.

## Reading / Homework

### Reading



Reading books and records are to be returned to school each day, even if your child has not read the night before. If your child forgets to bring home their reading book, they can read something else that night, for example a book of their own, magazine or newspaper. This helps maintain a reading routine.

Your child can fill in their reading record daily themselves, or you can comment and we ask that parents sign daily to confirm the child has read.

When possible please write a reason in the diary if your child has been unable to read.

### Spelling

A list of new words is given out on a **Friday**.

In class children will practise with each other, a 'Spelling Buddy' daily. They will also test each other on the words they are learning.

### Maths

On-line maths homework is allocated on a **Friday**. From time to time maths homework will also take the form of a practical or written task.

### Shared Learning / Homework

**Homework tasks are planned with the children and will be sent home at the beginning of term with a range of activities for the children to work on. Dates will be given for your child to bring their homework in to school which they can share with their teacher and their friends.**

We will again be offering a lunchtime 'homework club' every Monday for children to come along and work on an activity, share ideas and be supported to become increasingly independent.

**Please talk to the teacher if your child / you are unclear about any task. We're here to support.**

**Seesaw**—please sign up to your child's free seesaw account. This way you can see pictures, videos and their work. Verbal feedback will be provided from time to time from your child's teacher.



**We really do value the partnership between home and school and we encourage you to write comments in the home/school reading diary.**

## Internet Safety

The internet is a fantastic resource, enabling all of us to access a wealth of information. However, we can often forget about the risks and dangers that can be involved, particularly with so many ways to access the net other than a computer, for example i-pods and mobile phones. As part of our PSE curriculum we talk to the children about safe use of the internet both at home and school and we are visited by the police who support this. When using the internet at school there are also filters applied by the Local Authority, these can not guarantee that unsuitable material can not be accessed, but do significantly reduce any risk.

All children and parents sign an acceptable use / E-Safety agreement during your child's time at Barker's Lane.

We would appreciate your support with educating your child about safe use of the internet as we all know, it can be an amazing educational resource.



## Your Child's Progress

We observe and make assessments of the children almost everyday, which inform the next steps in your child's learning journey. You will be invited to 'Parents Evening' in November to discuss how your child has settled into Year 3 and how we can work together to help them develop further.

**If you have any questions / are concerned about your child's progress please don't hesitate to speak to the class teacher.**

## Uniform / P.E Clothing

Good personal presentation is very important.

A school tie should be worn if your children wears a white shirt / blouse (*tie not needed if they wear a polo shirt*).

Long hair should be tied back, even if your child has a headband. *Headbands should be fairly plain, no decorations / motifs / etc.* Extreme haircuts are strongly discouraged for during school term time.

A wristwatch and small stud earrings are permitted. **No other jewellery is to be worn.**

**It is very important that all of your child's belongings are all clearly labelled.**

### P.E Kit

All Year 3 children require a P.E kit (blue T-shirt and white shorts). Suitable outdoor clothing will be required as the weather gets colder (e.g. track / jogging suit).

P.E days for Y3 are Monday and Tuesday.

**No earrings** to be worn on P.E days please.

**Swimming**—Year 3 will go swimming every Thursday in the last half of the until Summer term (May-July).

## Healthy School

Free Breakfast Club All children are eligible to come along. Doors open at 8.15am and close at 8.30am.

Year 3 children may bring their own mid-morning piece of fruit for snack or be provided by school for £8 per half term / £42 per year. **No chocolate bars / sweets please.**

All children need to bring their water bottle to school with a fresh supply of water everyday. **No flavoured water / fruit juice please.**

School meals—menu available on the website. ***Dinner money to be paid online by Mon morning or sent on Mon morning please.***

Packed lunch—we have a duty to encourage healthy lunch boxes. Please do not send more than one chocolate biscuit in your child's box, and no sweets please. **Lunch boxes / bags, not too big please as storage is a problem.**

## General Information

### Monies

Online payments are our preferred method of payment. If you do need to send in any monies, **please put money in an envelope clearly labelled with your child's name** and what the money is for.

### Punctuality / Attendance / Absence

School starts at 8.55am. Our doors are open from 8.45am to ensure all children are punctual for school. **No child is to be on school premises unsupervised before 8.40am please.**

If your child is ill and can't attend school please telephone the school office 357754 and let us know.

### Coming into school / Hometime

Year 3 come into school and exit from their classroom door at the back of school adjacent to Club. Year 3 children may walk home unaccompanied providing we have written permission from parents.

### Medicines

If your child requires medication, please discuss this with Mrs Edwards. A form must be completed from the school office if your child requires medication to be administered at school. Please report any allergies / asthma. Inhalers are kept in your child's tray.

### Health & Safety

Please park safely when bringing / collecting your child from school. **Parking on the yellow zig-zags / across the drive is not permitted.**

**Bikes / scooters should not be ridden within the school grounds.**

## Home-School Partnership

We value our partnership with you and only by working together can we do the best for your child.

Your first point of contact at school is always your child's class teacher. If you have any worries / concerns, or want to celebrate good news with us, please talk to the class teacher first.

If an issue is unresolved or of a sensitive nature please make an appointment to discuss this with Mrs Harrison-Edwards, Headteacher.

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**COMMUNITY SCHOOL**

**'LEARN TOGETHER'**

**'Let's learn to enjoy, achieve, respect and nurture together'**

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