



Greystoke Primary School

Enabling our children to reach
their full potential

**Year 3
Autumn
Term
2023**

Dear Year 3 families,

We are thrilled to welcome the children into Key Stage 2 and have an exciting year of learning ahead! An overview of the curriculum that we will be covering this term will follow this newsletter. Below, we have some key information that will help the children settle back into the new term and life in year 3.

Uniform

At the start of the school year it is wonderful to see so many pupils wearing Greystoke uniform, they look very smart! Children should now only wear school uniform in the Greystoke colours and should not wear hoodies/jackets in school. Shoes need to be black and please can you ensure that all your child's uniform is named.

Water Bottles and Snacks

Pupils are encouraged to bring water into school so they can have a drink during the day. This can be in a reusable water bottle. Please do not send in juice; this is not allowed except with their lunch. If your child would like to have milk at breaktime, then please contact the office to pay for this weekly.

Snacks for breaktime are no longer provided in KS2 so please send your child with a healthy snack. As children are placing lunchboxes on the trolleys as they enter the grounds, please encourage them to take their snacks out and bring them to the classroom to be stored in their drawers ready for break time.

Reading

Pupils will all be given a PM reading book and new reading record. Please try to read with your child every night for 5-10 minutes. You can then make a comment in their reading records. Please make sure their books and records are sent back to school with them every day. With each PM book, it is important that the children have spent some time exploring the text (examples of this will be stuck into their reading records), rather than quickly reading the book overnight and hoping to change it the next day. Children will also choose a library book based on their Lexile level using a system called Scholastic Pro. More information about this system will be available on your child's Microsoft Teams page.

How we will Communicate

Over the academic year, we will regularly communicate with children and parents through Microsoft Teams. Please take the time to ensure that you can access this at home and contact your teacher if you are unable to. There will be an area for general parent questions on this page, but please be aware that this page is open for all parents and children to see. We may also use X (formally Twitter) to share classroom learning so please follow @GPSMissBoden and @GPSMissHutton.

We are always here to support you and your child; if you have any concerns or questions specifically regarding your child's learning or wellbeing, please feel free to speak to the class teacher: Miss Boden or Miss Makda (3MB) or Miss Hutton (3NH) or contact the school office if you'd like a phone call or meeting.

We look forward to having a fantastic year!

Kind Regards,

Miss M Boden

Year 3 Team Leader

PE

Pupils are expected to wear a PE kit when taking part in physical exercise and should come to school dressed in their kit on their set days. They should have both indoor (shorts, house T-shirt and plimsolls) and outdoor kit (tracksuit and trainers).

Year 3 will have PE on Tuesday morning and Thursday afternoon this year.

Homework and spellings

Homework and spellings will be set every Friday through Microsoft Teams. Homework may also be set on 'Century' which your child will have a login for and will have used in school before we set it for homework. This can be completed online and should be shared with your teacher by the following Wednesday. If you require any support with accessing homework, please don't hesitate to speak to your child's class teacher.

Multiplication Tables

Being able to recall multiplication and division facts up to 12 x 12 is hugely important for the children by the end of Year 4. Please encourage your children to spend time at home practising their times tables. They all have logins to Times Table Rock Stars and there are many activities to support on Maths Frame's website. During Year 3, we will work systemically through the times tables, beginning with 2, 5 and 10 times table. Children will progress at different speeds through the tables—Times Table Rockstars will automatically adapt your child's individual programme to match their current attainment.