

A Y3 Guide for Parents and Carers



We hope that this welcome pack will provide you with some useful information about Year 3. We value and appreciate parental support and interest in the curriculum and we are sure that your child does too.

Mr Heaton, Mr Van Greuning, Miss Bryan and Mrs Iosson will be teaching in Year 3 this year and will be supported by Mrs Hatton.

Topic Work

As part of our ongoing improvements to the school curriculum, we are making some exciting changes to our humanities and arts subjects. Children will work on a project each term with a lead subject. Autumn: History, Spring: Geography and Technology Summer: Music, Art and design. Alongside the lead subject, there will be enhancement lessons e.g. art and music that compliment and adds to the topic in the lead subject. As we are making quite substantial changes to the way we are teaching these subjects, we are unable to provide a yearly overview at this time. However, the details of the Autumn term project and science topics can be found below:

Project title: Survivors

Time periods covered: Stone age, Iron age and Egyptians

Science topics: Light

We would be delighted to hear from anyone who has expertise in any of these areas and who feels that they may be able to help.

Photo permission

Unless we hear otherwise, we will assume you are happy for your child's photograph to appear on our website (including our school Twitter accounts), and occasionally in print media such as the Sheffield Star. We use photos to document and celebrate our curriculum so parents can access all of the exciting activities that we offer. *If you are unhappy for your child's photograph to appear on our website (including Twitter) or print media, please email enquiries@bradway.sheffield.sch.uk*

Parent Meetings

There are two parent/teacher progress meetings during the year, the first in the Autumn term and the second in the Spring term. Further information will follow nearer the time.

Proposed visits and events for 2019/2020

The costs are only a guide and are based on the previous year's prices. In order to spread the cost of some of the visits and expenses, it will be possible for parents to pay in instalments. This can be arranged by contacting Mrs Cooper in the office.

		Approx cost
Autumn	Creswell Crags	£13
Spring	TBC	
Summer	Residential - Austerfield	£45

Other trips and visits may be undertaken during the year and we will be in contact with you closer to the event.

Equipment

We would ask that children do not bring pencil cases or toys to school in Year 3 as they can get lost and broken. Children should not bring anything of value to school.

Homework

The Department of Education guidelines and Bradway Primary School Homework Policy recommends that the total time for Year 3 is around 1 1/2 hours per week.

- Regular reading is very important. We would recommend 10 - 15 minute sessions at least three times a week. **Reading with an adult is vitally important as discussion of the texts will not only help develop children's reading comprehension skills, but provide them with ideas for their own writing.**
- Times-tables tests will take place weekly, on Thursdays.
- Spellings: Children are required to learn new spellings every week. They will be given out on an Tuesday and then tested the following Tuesday. Children will have a week to practise the spellings using a website/app called Spelling Shed (further details will be sent home with the child).
- A minimum of 30 minutes per week on Maths-Whizz (if your child is unable to access this at home, please let us know). It is suggested that this is completed in 2 sessions of 15 minutes.

P.E and Games

For **indoor PE** children should wear a **white T-shirt and black shorts**. For **indoor P.E.** children need **plimsolls**. **Outdoor games** take place on either the playground or the field so a change of footwear, **trainers** are essential. Also a **sweatshirt** and **jogging trousers** are necessary during cold weather. **Long hair must be tied back**. If your child is unable to take part in a PE lesson, a note from home is required. Please note that we are unable to provide your child with a spare PE kit. Children cannot wear any jewellery for P.E. lessons~. **Both classes have P.E. on Wednesday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor).**

Indoor Footwear

All children require a change of footwear with waterproof soles, these should be their indoor PE plimsolls. These should be clearly named.

Lost Property

We seem to have an increasing amount of lost property. Everyone can help by labelling all children's clothes and possessions; so that they can be returned to them. Lost property is kept in the office area. There is also a small lost property box in the Year 3 cloakroom.

Meet the Teacher

An informal Parents' Welcome Meeting is to be held after school on **Tuesday 17th September at 3.15pm** in the Year 3 classrooms to introduce ourselves to you and to offer further information about life in Year 3. We hope to see you there.

If you would like to speak to the teacher regarding your child before or after this, you are always welcome to make an appointment.

Help

We are always grateful to receive help in school so if you feel able to assist, please tick the areas and return the slip below to your child's class teacher.

Name of pupil		Class	
Reading with individual pupils		Art & Crafts	
Visits & Trips		Library	
Baking		Other	

Days & Times Available _____

SIGNED _____

Print name

Telephone Number

Class Facebook Groups / WhatsApp groups:

At the beginning of a new school year new group pages on WhatsApp and Facebook are often created. As a school we recognise and appreciate the benefits that these types of group pages can have. They are set up with the very best of intentions and are an excellent way to engage and communicate with other parents.

Please help us to ensure the safety and wellbeing of all our children, staff , parents and wider school community by being mindful of the following when participating in these groups:

- If you are posting on social media and it relates to the school, students or other parents, please check your facts, be considerate in the way in which you express things and avoid language that others might consider to be abusive, aggressive or threatening. In short, don't write anything you wouldn't be prepared for all to see
- Please **do not** refer to individual students, parents or staff on social media.
- Please do not post pictures or videos of other children or adults without seeking their permission to do so.
- If you have a significant concern about an aspect of school life, please talk to someone in school before posting on social media.
- If you have a specific complaint, please follow the school's Complaints Policy which is available on our school website.

It is not our intention to stifle debate or discourage parents expressing their views, but we do want to encourage and promote positive role models in both the digital world as well as the real world. We welcome any type of feedback and dialogue with our parents so that we can continue to improve and so that we can work together for our pupils.

Many thanks for your continued support

The Senior Leadership Team
