



**St. Thomas's**  
CE Primary School

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Dear Parents and Carers,

Year 3 have made a great start to the year - thank you for all you have done to prepare your child for the return to school. They have all settled in so well and I am very proud of every one of them. I am very much looking forward to working alongside you and your child during this year. This letter contains all the key information you need to know for the term ahead, but please don't hesitate to ask if you have any further questions.

I will be teaching the class every day except Wednesday, when Mrs Massara will be teaching Year 3. We will be supported during the week by Miss Moffat and Mrs Hassall.

### Curriculum

The children will have daily English and Maths lessons, with extra sessions covering grammar, spelling, handwriting and times tables. Our initial focus in Maths is on place value, before we move on to addition and subtraction. In English, our first unit of work is based on 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. Every child will be part of a small guided reading group, and there will also be a whole-class reading comprehension lesson during the week.

Our first topic in Science is Keeping Healthy, looking at the human body as well as healthy diets. Our first theme is called Language, which has a History focus. We will investigate the development of language and writing from the Iron Age to modern day. Along the way we will find out about different ways of telling stories and the use of picture alphabets. In RE our lessons are based around Christian teachings about Hope - a perfect start to Year 3 as our class value for the whole year is also Hope!





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## PE

All KS2 classes have 2 PE sessions every week. Year 3's lessons are on Tuesdays and Fridays. Children should come to school wearing their PE uniform and trainers for both days that they have PE. Mr Moorhead (our PE Coach) will teach Tuesday's session while I have planning time out of class.

Just to remind you, our school PE uniform is:

- Blue school PE T-shirt
- Navy PE shorts
- Navy/black jogging bottoms
- Blue school PE hoody
- Trainers

## Home Learning

Home Learning is set using our online learning platform, Seesaw, and will begin in a few weeks once the children have had the chance to become familiar with accessing and using Seesaw. Please don't worry - lots more information about Seesaw to follow soon!

It is still important to read at home with your child now that they are in KS2. The Year 3 reading challenge is similar to the one the children are familiar with from Year 2. Each time they read 5 times in a week, they will receive a sticker. Please make sure reading books and reading records are in school every day so that we can record any reading your child does in school.

Learning times tables is vital for supporting other areas of learning in Maths. I know the children were introduced to Times Tables Rock Stars last year and they will continue to use that during this year. Please encourage them to access this at home too. Usernames and passwords are the same but I will re-send these through Seesaw. There are many other resources online that support learning times tables, but please ask me if you would like more guidance on supporting your child with this. In Year 3 we consolidate Year 2 learning (2x, 10x and 5x) and focus on 3x, 4x and 8x tables.





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### School Meals

As you will be aware, now that your child is in Key Stage 2, they are no longer entitled to receive Universal Free School Meals. Children in KS2 may be entitled to Free School Meals, and this only takes a couple of minutes to check, so please ask at the office if you think this may apply to you.

KS2 children also do not receive fruit or vegetables through school at break time. If you would like your child to have a morning snack, please send a piece of fruit or vegetables in with them.

I have attached a copy of our Year 3 Promises so you can see some of the activities Year 3 will take part in during the course of the year.

Please do not hesitate to contact me using my school email address ([nicola.wright@sthomas.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:nicola.wright@sthomas.cumbria.sch.uk)) if you have any other questions or concerns. Many thanks for your support so far.

Nicola Wright

