

Welcome to Skylark Class



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Year 3



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*Challenge, Commit, Conquer,
Celebrate*

Hello and welcome to Skylark Class!

We are very much looking forward to welcoming you into Skylark Class in September and hope that you are excited about your move from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2. In Skylark Class, we will support you in achieving your absolute best at school. Through committing to your learning, working well with others in the class and always trying hard, we believe that anything is possible! We want you to feel proud of yourselves in everything you do and promote a positive can-do attitude towards learning. We expect every member of Skylark Class to be respectful and considerate of each other by following the school rules and looking out for each other; together we are going to make a great team!

Here's a reminder of the school rules:



Mathematics

When you start in Year 3, we expect you to already be able to count in 2s, 5s and 10s and be able to quickly recall multiplication and division facts for these times tables. By the end of Year 3, the expectation is that you will be able to quickly recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables too. There are lots of fun ways you can improve your mathematical fluency, including using these websites:

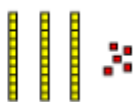
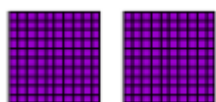
TT rockstars - <https://ttrockstars.com/> - fluency of times tables

Numbots - <https://play.numbots.com/#/intro> - fluency of number facts and subitising (recognising numbers without counting them)

Hit the Button - <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button> - fluency of number bonds, times tables and other number facts

Thinking Blocks - <https://www.mathplayground.com/thinkingblocks.html> - problem solving questions that can be modelled step by step – some of these problems get quite challenging!

When you start in Year 3, we also expect you to have a solid understanding of place value in numbers with up to 2-digits and be able to read, write, compare and put in order numbers up to 100. Whilst in Skylark Class, we will build on this knowledge and understanding by exploring place value in numbers up to 1000 and applying this to solving problems. You will learn to represent, compare, order and work with numbers represented in different ways, like in these examples:

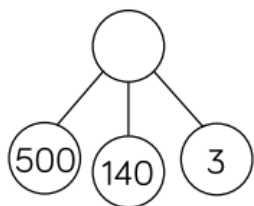


600

30

8

100s	10s	1s



H	T	O
8	2	5

Written calculations

This year in maths, you will improve your methods of written calculation and will learn to add and subtract pairs of numbers with up to 3 digits. You will also learn how to apply your times tables knowledge when learning to multiply and divide 2 digit numbers with single digit numbers. We will start by using apparatus such as base ten or coloured counters and then move on to using formal written methods. Here are some examples of some different calculation methods we will explore together:

H	T	O

	1	4	7
+		2	4
	1	7	1



x	30	5
7	210	35

$$210 + 35 = 245$$

$$96 + 3 = 32$$



In maths, we will also be extending your understanding of fractions and starting to link this to decimals as well as learning about shapes (including angles and perimeter), statistics and measure. It would be great if you could practise telling the time over the summer so that you can tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes on an analogue clock (one with hands, not digital) by September.

Reading

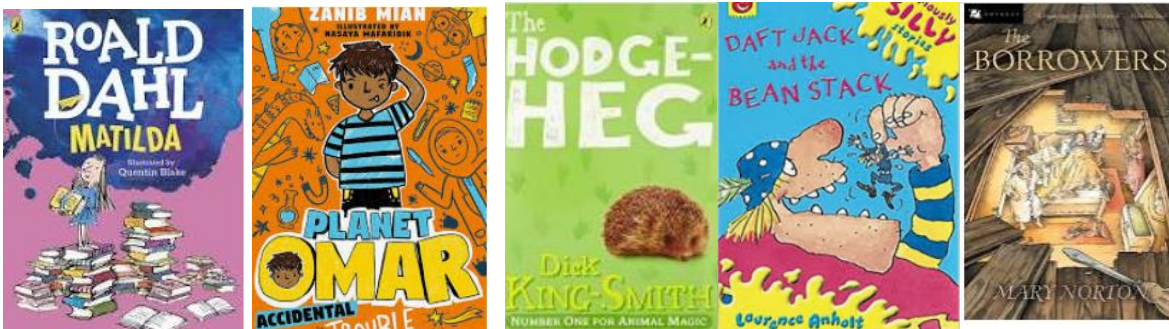
In Skylark Class, we love reading! In the words of Dr Seuss,

**The more that you read
the more things you will know!
The more that you learn
the more places you'll go!**

We really enjoy discovering new books as well as sharing old favourites. We enjoy reading our class novels every day and we use fiction and non-fiction texts to support learning in all areas of the curriculum.

Reading at home is super important and we would like you to commit to spending a minimum of 20 minutes a day engaging in a reading activity at home. In addition to reading your individual reading books, you will also have a group novel which you will take home to read and enjoy. We will also set you a weekly reading activity about this book to complete at home and set aside time in class for you to share your work and discuss the novel with the other children in your group. In Skylark Class, we really understand the value of reading for pleasure and hope that you will enjoy reading as much as we do. We expect you to use your reading record to write in all of the reading that you do at home and we will collect these in on Monday mornings to check. If you aren't up to the challenge of reading 5 times or more at home each week, you will be able to go to reading club at lunch time to make sure that you aren't missing out on the opportunity to read and enjoy a wide range of books.

Here are just a few of our favourite books that we think you would also enjoy reading:



We would like to encourage you to sign up to take part in the Summer Reading Challenge which is being organised by Gloucestershire libraries. It's a great way to discover more stories and have fun with reading. You can find out more and sign up to it here: <https://summerreadingchallenge.org.uk/>

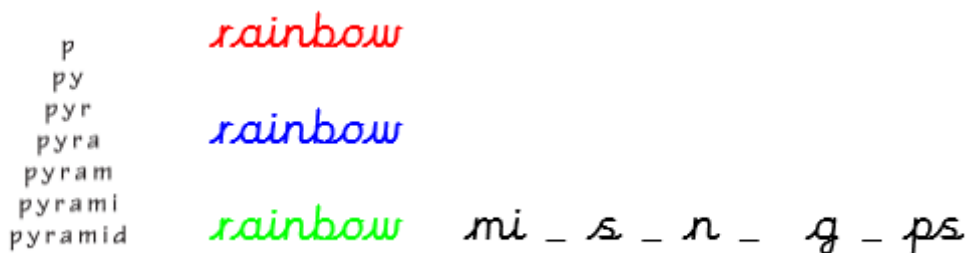
Writing

In Skylark Class, we have very high expectations regarding presentation of work. We want you to feel proud of every piece of work that you do and making sure it is well presented is essential for helping you to achieve this. We expect handwriting to be neat and joined. Here is a reminder of how your writing should look:

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Spelling

In class, we will be focusing on different spelling rules and patterns each week. However, there are so many words in our English language that do not follow any of the rules and so it is important to learn these words carefully. In order to do this, each week we would like you to spend time at home practising the spelling on our school word list. On Thursday mornings, you will have the opportunity to show that you have learnt the spellings by taking part in our 'dictations spelling challenge'. In week 1, you will all start on Spelling List 1 and every week when you get all of your spellings correct, you will move on to the next list. It is great fun celebrating getting them all right as you get a special stamp in your reading record and have your photo taken for the class padlet. Learning spellings can be great fun and there are lots of different ways to practise, including:



We also use a programme called Spelling Shed which is great fun and a fantastic way to learn spellings. (<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>)

These are the dictation spelling lists that you will be working on this year:

<u>List 1</u> mention naughty breath probably arrive	<u>List 2</u> answer often opposite surprise ordinary	<u>List 3</u> weight various women surprise ordinary	<u>List 4</u> favourite February forward through hearts	<u>List 5</u> heard peculiar although strange famous
<u>List 6</u> guide century position group enough	<u>List 7</u> believe grammar increase important interest	<u>List 8</u> perhaps thought strength eight suppose	<u>List 9</u> extreme experiment strength medicine special	<u>List 10</u> notice separate promise occasion remember
<u>List 11</u> fruit experience caught potatoes guard	<u>List 12</u> breathe complete circle learn sentence	<u>List 13</u> disappear accident build centre calendar	<u>List 14</u> minute island natural difficult imagine	<u>List 15</u> reign recent early history appear

<u>List 16</u> describe exercise purpose continue library	<u>List 17</u> actual eight bicycle consider address	<u>List 18</u> knowledge quarter though particular possess	<u>List 19</u> pressure material height occasionally business
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PE

In September, you will have PE on a Monday morning so please make sure that you have full PE kit in school each week. We are timetabled to go swimming on Tuesday afternoons for the first half of the autumn term so please keep your fingers crossed that swimming pools have been able to safely reopen by then!

Other Curriculum Areas

Each term, we will have a different topic that we will base a lot of our learning on. We are looking forward to sharing the first topic with you when we start our new term in September! Our history, geography, art and DT activities will be mostly linked to the term's topic and we will also set you a Power Project that you can complete at home. The Power Projects are optional, but a lot of fun and we always enjoy celebrating the work together as class when it is completed at home and then brought in to share. In addition to the subjects already mentioned, you will also enjoy science, RE, PSHE, computing, French, music lessons.

Forest School and the allotment

We are very lucky to have such amazing school grounds and in Skylark Class we enjoy using the outdoor areas as much as possible to enhance your learning. As well as completing some of your day to day lessons outside, you will also have the opportunity to take part in Forest School and allotment sessions at different times throughout the year.

We hope that this letter has answered any questions that you may have about joining Skylark Class and we hope that you are excited and enthusiastic about moving into Year 3! If you do have any questions for us or would just like to get in touch and say hi, please email us at skylark@st-whites.gloucs.sch.uk Please also keep an eye on the NEW Skylark Class padlet on the school website for messages and ideas over the holidays.

We are looking forward to seeing you soon.

Have a great summer!

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