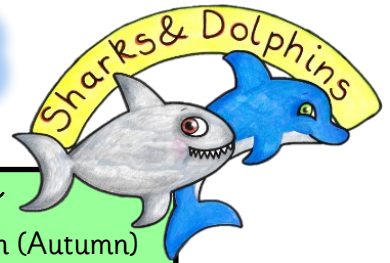




Welcome to Year 3



Sharks

Mr Wilbrooke
Mrs Walters

Dolphins

Mrs Andrews, Mrs Lynch (Autumn)
& Miss Pritchard (after Christmas)
Mrs Ayres

We are very excited to welcome you to Year 3! We are looking forward to working with you all and helping your child to develop and enjoy their learning. There will be opportunities for the children to work independently, in pairs and as part of small groups. We hope that they will enjoy the challenge of the Year 3 curriculum. Please help us by encouraging your child to become responsible for their belongings, taking great care to remember all equipment needed for each day.

READING – the key to learning

Reading with your child has a huge impact on their ability to learn in school.

Sharing books together helps to improve their comprehension, vocabulary and understanding of the world. Reading a wide range of books aloud to your child also helps them to become good writers. Even when children are able to read independently, it is still important to listen to them read aloud as well. Encourage your child to share their ideas and opinions. Try to ask questions to check their understanding and remember to discuss any new words.

Please make a note of reading completed at home in your child's planner. If they read **three times or more** in a week, they are given a sticker which counts towards their merit awards.



Planners

Children have a planner in Key Stage 2. It is a way of organising their reading, spellings and collecting stickers. It is important that your child brings their planner to school **each day** in their reading bag.

P.E.

Children have 2 PE sessions per week and will need to come to school dressed in their outdoor PE kits. We recommend that children do not wear any earrings to school on PE day unless they are able to remove them. Otherwise you should provide surgical tape that your child can use to cover over the earrings by themselves.



Dolphins PE Days:

Monday & Thursday

Sharks PE Days:

Wednesday & Thursday

Homework

Children will be required to complete one short task each week either in English or Mathematics. Homework will be set on a Friday and will be due in by the following Wednesday.

Your child may also receive a small number of project based challenges in relation to topic. Please support your child in these tasks and if there are any issues please do not hesitate to come and speak to us.

Additionally, your child will have weekly spellings and times tables to learn ready for tests on a Friday.

Water bottles

It's important to remain hydrated so that our brains can work efficiently so please send in a **named reusable water bottle** ready filled with fresh water. Your child can top it up at school whenever they need to. The bottles will be returned every evening so they can be thoroughly washed.



Rewards and the zone board

In Key Stage 2, the children collect their reward stamps and stickers in their planners. These build up towards our merit badges, ranging from the Bronze right up to the Governors' Award. Children following and keeping the school rules remain in green zone and receive reward time known as 'Zone Time' once a week. Children not following the rules are given verbal warnings before being moved down the zone board into yellow zone. If they are aggressive in any way, they move directly to red zone. If children move down the Zone Board they miss all or part of their zone time.

Requirements of the National Curriculum.

In Year 4 the children will be sitting a National Curriculum test on **times tables**, which we will begin to prepare for in Year 3. This is a big demand for any child and support from home will have a big impact on your child's progress and confidence. This year, we will be learning the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables by heart. It is very important that your child practises these regularly at home for a timed test each week. We would appreciate it if you would practise the x2, x5 and x10 times table over the summer so your child is confident to recall these facts instantly when they start in September. This will enable us to start immediately learning the x3 and x4 times table.

In the English curriculum, children are expected to know a wide range of spelling patterns as well as learning a list of a 100 statutory words. More than fifty of these will be covered in Year 3, with the remaining words in Year 4. Every Friday, your child will bring home a spelling list to be learnt for the following Friday.

Children at Meadows are taught to write in cursive script which is practised in regular handwriting sessions.

Trips and Visitors

We try to include at least one trip or invite a visitor into school once a term. We believe these experiences support the children's learning in the curriculum.

We also try to explore our local area when we explore topics on local history and geography as well as visits to our local library.

Concerns

We are usually available at the end of the day to see us directly. Additionally, feel free to write notes in your child's planner and make sure they show us so we are aware of the message. Planners are checked on a Monday by Mrs Walters or Mrs Ayres.

Class emails: sharks@meadows.worcs.sch.uk

dolphins@meadows.worcs.sch.uk

Pickup and Dropoff

Teaching Staff will meet their class on the Year 3/4 playground at the start of each day. Please ensure your child is lined up in front of their class sign ready to begin their learning at **8:45**. Pickup is from the same playground at **3:15**. For reference, the year 3/4 playground is the large playground area directly in front of our main office entrance.