



# Kingfishers



Class Booklet  
2022 - 2023



**Welcome** to our booklet for this year. We are hoping this will prove useful and give you an outline of what to expect in Year 3 at Rodings Primary School.

### **ADULTS WORKING IN YEAR 3**

#### **CLASS TEACHERS**

Kingfishers - Miss Wattis

Kookaburras - Mrs Oakley / Mrs Hutley

#### **LEARNING SUPPORT ASSISTANTS**

Mrs George

Miss Braithwaite

### **A TYPICAL DAY IN YEAR 3**

An average day begins between 8.30 and 8.45, where children make their way straight into the classroom. We will take the register at 8.45 and then the children will have some independent reading time and an 'Early Bird Maths' session before an assembly at 9am.

Our first lesson of the day will usually be a whole-class reading lesson, followed by Writing. After break, there will be a short spelling session, a Maths lesson and we will end the morning with some Times Table practise. The children then go for their lunch break at 12.15.

After lunch we have two lessons. These lessons will be for our foundation subjects and based around either our topic (history, geography, art, DT, etc.) or the discrete subjects which we cover (RE, PSHE, computing, science, music, languages, etc.). At the end of the day we will read some of our class novel.

Although this is an 'average' day, things will change as we progress through the year and cover more of the curriculum, but also due to timetable changes such as for special events and swimming. Also, not every day will follow the format above. Some days we will spend a longer part focussing on a line of enquiry or producing an in-depth piece of work. These are always fun days and ones that I'm sure we can all remember from our schooling.

## **HOME LEARNING**

### **Reading**

Our expectation is that pupils should read/be read to for a minimum of twenty minutes daily. *See page opposite for more details.*

### **Learning Logs**

In Year 3, your child will start to receive Learning Log homework. The idea around Learning Logs is to give the children a creative challenge to complete over a two week period. The Learning Logs have been a huge success and we have been amazed by the originality and creativity of the children. It is always so exciting to see and celebrate what they have put together over the two weeks. Learning Log tasks are to be completed in the book across a two page spread. For each Learning Log, a 'Learning Legend' will be chosen based on their project.

### **TT Rockstars and Spelling Shed**

We will use these two web based platforms throughout this year. The children will be given log-ins for these and can access these fantastic programs either through a website and/or app to help them with their learning.

### **MAKING IT STICK**

Students will regularly be tested and quizzed in a low-key manner which will require them to recall previously taught knowledge. This could be previous spellings, content from lessons, key vocabulary, etc. In order to help your children we will be encouraging them to talk about their day and what they have learnt with you every evening. We would like to stress that this will always be done in a low-key, low-stakes manner.

## **READING**

In Year 3 we will be using Accelerated Reader. The children will be given a reading book based on their Accelerated Reader levels and once they have finished a book, they will then have the opportunity to complete the relevant quiz in school.

When children reach their target on Accelerated Reader they will be awarded a certificate in Friday's celebration assembly. If they reach their Gold Target, they will be invited to a special event with Mr. Raraty.

We ask that you continue to sign in your child's reading diary to say when a book has been read at home and any comments you wish to make.

## **SPELLINGS**

As a school we are passionate about a mastery route throughout our curriculum, and as part of our implementation of this we have decided to alter our approach to spellings. Rather than send home a weekly list we will be explicitly teaching spelling/grapheme rules and patterns every day in school, from Year 2 upwards.

Our new structure will look like this:

Monday	Identifying the grapheme/rule
Tuesday	Partner Test
Wednesday	Sound Buttons
Thursday	Sound-sort grid
Friday	Test

Each lesson will last about 15 minutes. We will make sure that you know what our grapheme/rule is each week so that you can assist your child at home.

Spelling Shed will continue to be available for you to practise on at home.

## **PE**

Our PE lessons for the Autumn term will take place on a Tuesday afternoon. The children can wear their PE kit into school on these days and should dress appropriately for the different weather conditions throughout the year.

As swimming forms part of our PE curriculum, we only have one PE lesson per week for the first half term. We will update you with our second PE day after the October half term break.



## **SWIMMING**

Our swimming days for the Autumn term are as follows:

Kingfishers - Mondays and Fridays

Kookaburras - Mondays and Tuesdays

Swimming lessons will then re-commence in the Summer term. We will be in touch with our timetable at this time.

## **CORE VALUES**

**RESPECT**  
**ENJOYMENT**  
**CARE**  
**CONFIDENCE**  
**CHALLENGE**

## **SCHOOL RULES**

**BE RESPECTFUL**  
**BE SAFE**  
**BE READY TO LEARN**

## **TOPICS**

**EXPLORE** - Extreme Earth and Explorers

**DISCOVER** - Stone Age to Iron Age and Ancient Egypt

**CREATE** - The Great Outdoors and Henry Moore

CREATE: Drama

## **ASSESSMENTS**

There are no statutory assessments in Year 3.

We will hold an assessment week once per term to track the children's progress and these will be used to inform our next steps in learning.



# **CLASS DOJO**

We will be using CLASS DOJO as a way of keeping you informed of what we have been up to in the classroom. It's a fantastic app which you can download to a phone or tablet (or access the via the website) where we will post updates and photos of

the work we have done that day. We aim to update the page weekly but sometimes this is not always possible and sometimes we will update more than once. We will also use the class story to send out a quick message to remind you of important information and dates. You are able to message us on there and we have no problem with you doing so for low level importance matters or information you think we need to know. However, we would like to stress that we will not always pick messages up that day, and that the app has inbuilt 'quiet hours' where we don't receive notifications, so for important or urgent matters (e.g. absences) please contact us via the school office.

## **DATES FOR YOUR DIARY**

### **Macmillan Coffee Afternoon**

Friday 30th September

### **LEARNING CONSULTATIONS**

12th and 13th October

### **BREAK THE RULES DAY**

Friday 21st October

### **OPEN DAY**

Thursday 3rd November

### **FRIENDS' FIREWORK DISPLAY**

Thursday 3rd November

### **PARENT DROP-IN SESSION**

Thursday 1st December

### **KS2 CHRISTMAS CONCERT**

Tuesday 13th December

### **CHRISTMAS ACTIVITY DAY**

Friday 16th December