



# Year 3

## Information for Parents/Carers

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year. Our Year 3 children have settled into their updated classroom and are now working towards establishing routines for the year ahead. Mrs Petrou and I are really looking forward to have the children in class with us.

The information set out in this booklet is about how the class will operate throughout the year.

If you have any questions or queries throughout the year please feel free to ask at any time.

N.B. Don't forget to check out Class Dojo messages or the class and school story pages for our latest news, photographs and examples of work.

Please see the school website for curriculum information and school policies.

[www.valewood.co.uk](http://www.valewood.co.uk)

## **Year 3 Staff**

Class Teacher – Mrs Salzano

PPA Cover teacher – Miss Goldsworthy

Intervention teacher – Miss Lynam

Teaching Assistants – Mrs Petrou (Full time)

Please feel free to pass on any information to the above staff. There is always someone available at the beginning and at the end of every day.

## **School Day**

Doors open at 8:45am

Registration takes place at 8:50am.

School ends at 3.15pm for all children.

Please be reminded that you are responsible for your children before 8:45am/ handover and also after 3.15pm/ pick up from school. Children need to be supervised by parents/ carers at all times.

If you wish your child to walk home, alone and without supervision, we will require signed permission from a parent/carer.

## **Dismissal Procedures**

Please be reminded that you are responsible for your children before 8.45am/handover and also after 3.15pm/pick up from school. Children need to be supervised by parents/carers at all times. Dismissal at the end of the day will be from the classroom door and the children will only be handed over to a known adult.

If an older sibling is due to collect a member of Year 3 then the signed permission form (permission to walk home) must be completed and a message must be sent via dojo to inform the class teacher.

If you require another adult/friend to collect your child at the end of the day, a verbal communication at the classroom door will suffice or communication via the school office. However, school cannot accept the say so of another child's parent and your child will not be handed over.

N.B. A password may be required from any adult not known to school.

## Attendance & Punctuality

Termly acknowledgements regarding attendance will continue to be issued this year. 97% is our school target. It is important that your child arrives to school on time as learning begins the moment they step foot in the classroom. If your child is late or needs to be collected for an appointment you will be required to use the electronic signing in/out system located by the school office. If your child's attendance falls below 90%, your child is classed as a 'persistent absentee'. Attendance concerns are addressed each half term and parents and carers will be notified in writing of this. Please be reminded that requests for holidays in term-time will not be authorised and it is school policy that if a child has five unauthorised days of absence in one term, that they will be referred to the local authority for a fine.

Any requests for 'special leave' (extenuating circumstances) must be made on the orange form, which can be collected from the school office.

## Behaviour

This year the children will receive house points, working towards a reward for the winning house at the end of each half term. I will continue to use Dojo for communication with families; this system has been a great success over the last few years as both a way of celebrating successes and communicating with parents. I will usually be available after school but this is not always possible due to busy schedules so please feel free to contact me via the Dojo system and I will respond at my earliest convenience. Please be aware that messages in the evenings (weekdays) and at weekends will not be routinely monitored. **Please be reminded that all urgent queries during the school day should go through the office.** I am available via dojo for minor queries, however, if you have anything that you feel needs discussing in more detail, please contact me via my school email ([msalzano.vps@schools.sefton.gov.uk](mailto:msalzano.vps@schools.sefton.gov.uk)) and/or make an appointment to meet at a suitable time.

## Curriculum

The children will have 6 main topics throughout the year:- 'The Stone Age, UN Outright Project, 'Liverpool Mercantile District', 'The Romans', 'Plants' and 'Extreme Earth'. Check out the school website or class dojo for information regarding the Year 3 curriculum and timetable.

## **Uniform**

Please ensure your child comes to school in the correct Valewood uniform. Nail varnish, makeup and jewellery are not permitted to be worn in school. Please note that electronic watches/step counters are also not permitted to be worn. Your child is welcome to wear a simple pair of studs or a simple analogue wrist watch, only.

*Non-uniform day attire: please note that cropped tops, football kits and high heels are not permitted to be worn in school. Children need to be dressed appropriately for ALL school days.*

## **Online Safety**

Teaching online safety is an integral part of our curriculum and is referenced in all subjects. Children's use of technology is carefully planned for throughout the week and all school devices are protected by our school firewall.

## **Use of Technology At Home/Access to Social Media**

Children's access and use of technology and social media is the responsibility of the parents/carers at home. Issues arising from inappropriate use of social media outside of the school day will not be dealt with by school staff.

## **School Excursions**

School excursions and learning outside the classroom (e.g. forest school) are important elements of our curriculum. Parents/carers are welcome to support these days, providing you have a current school volunteer DBS. Please contact the school office to apply. All volunteers must adhere to the school volunteers code of conduct.\*

## **Learning at Home**

### **Homework tasks**

This year, children will have weekly activities set in a Homework Journal and daily reading for their homework. Additionally, the children will be allocated personal passwords for a selection of online activities which they can access at home. They include: - Oxford Reading Buddy and reading books for daily reading, Ed Shed for weekly spellings and TTRockstars for times tables. Occasionally, in order to ensure

we can get to the end of our class novels, there will also be occasions when the children will be expected to read with/ read along/ listen to a chapter of our class novel in preparation for the written activities in class.

## **Home Reading**

Regular home reading gives children an opportunity to practise skills and encourages a love of reading in leisure time. In Year 3, the children will read in a variety of ways, through whole class reading sessions and independent reading activities. Please encourage your child to read everyday at home as it is proven that home reading has a big impact on a child's reading fluency and accuracy with recalling information. The children will be given a home/school reading record and home reading should be recorded daily in this book. Children can bring their school bags to school, which will be kept in their locker. All children must bring the book they are currently reading into school every day, whether that be a class novel, a book from home or a chosen book from our class library.

## **Oxford Owl**

At school, we subscribe to the amazing resource of Oxford Owl. There is a wealth of books that you can choose to read with or alongside your child.

<https://www.oxfordowl.co.uk/login?active-tab=students>

Class username:- valewood3

Class password:- Bella3

## **P.E.**

P.E. will usually take place every Wednesday and Thursday. The children will return their kits for home washing on Thursday. As these days can be subject to change, please ensure that they have their PE kits back in school on a Monday morning, ready for the week ahead.

PE consist of their house top (school logo and in-house colours), blue shorts, white ankle socks (children should not be taking part in PE lessons whilst wearing tights) and trainers.

Children are welcome to bring a PLAIN tracksuit (jacket and jogging bottoms) for the winter months. Please note that children still need their full PE kit on underneath.

## **The Daily Mile**

This year we will continue to undertake the 'Daily Mile' initiative encouraging all members of the Valewood community to be more active. This year, Year 3 will have an opportunity within the school day to undertake additional exercise.

## **Spellings**

Year 3 spellings will be available via our Ed Shed app – The Spelling Shed and will also be sent home each week in the children's mini spelling book. The children's login for the website/app will be stuck into the children's reading records for ease. The children will be able to practice relevant spellings for their age and weekly spelling quiz scores will be recorded in the back of their purple spelling books. If you require any additional spelling for your child please let me know.

N.B. It is expected that every child completes the above homework.

## **School Meals**

If you believe you are eligible for free school meals, linked to your income, it is important that you apply for this as it provides additional funding for your child in school. The form for this application can be collected from the school office. If your child decides to bring a packed lunch then they can bring their lunch in an appropriate lunch box, which will be kept in their locker.

## **Snacks and Tuck Shop**

Children are allowed to bring a sensible snack from home to consume at morning playtime. Fruit and healthy snacks are encouraged. Alternatively, the children can purchase a snack from the class tuck shop (individually wrapped brioche) at the cost of 40p. At present we are accepting cash payments from the children to purchase their snack, however we are in the process of updating our online payment systems in school (Arbor) and as soon as the system is running, all tuckshop payments will need to be made direct into your child's account. Alternatively, they can bring 40p each day or enough to cover snacks for the week.

## **Bikes and Scooters**

We encourage families to stay active and walk to school, wherever possible. Please remember that children are not permitted to ride their bikes or scooters on the school grounds. Bikes and scooters must be locked up in the bike sheds and are left at your own risk.

## **Parking – Sherwood Avenue**

Please park away from Sherwood Avenue and Sherwood Road, where possible. Please be reminded to park respectfully and not block the driveways of our neighbours.

## **REMINDERS**

Please help us to make sure that your child does not lose any of their clothing by naming all items including water bottles.

Please ensure that your children arrive at school with all the necessary equipment they need to minimise disruptions to learning.

Please remind your children that scooters/ bicycles etc should not be used on school property and should be locked in the bike sheds.

We are looking forward to teaching and supporting your child in Year 3, here's to a fantastic year ahead!

**Mrs Salzano**  
**Year 3 Teacher**

### **Additional Information:-**

Tuesday 21st May 2023 – School Trip to The Roman Experience / DEWA in Chester.  
Forest School sessions – Spring Term  
Swimming Lessons – Summer Term

### **Further Meetings**

- Parents/carers consultations will be held in October and February.

\*Permission to walk home alone letter.

\*Bicycle and scooter agreement.

\*Volunteers Code of Conduct