

Crossways Junior School
'Soaring to Success'
Welcome to Ash & Beech Classes

The children are beginning to settle into their new routines so it's a good time to give more information and the 'big picture' for the coming year. This leaflet describes aspects of school life for the Year 3 classes which we hope you will find useful.

English and Maths will be taught daily. This term we have been getting to know the Junior school and our topic is called 'Let's Explore!'.

We teach using a skills based curriculum. This means that the children will be learning specific skills across a variety of topics. Please check the school website for the subsequent terms' topics.

Your child will be taught by Mrs Power (Beech) or Mrs Scarsbrook and Mrs Churchill (Ash). On Thursday afternoons the children will be taught by a Future Stars PE coach during teachers' planning time. Both classes are also supported by Mrs Trotman, our Teaching Assistant. Mrs Phillips and Mrs Bamford will be working in Beech class too.

Spelling - Your child will receive approximately an hour of spelling input per week. The spelling pattern will be sent home and they will have a termly spelling test or dictation to check their understanding. The children also have a list of the Year 3/4 National Curriculum words to practise throughout the year.

For term 1, we will be looking at and checking for any gaps in the Year 2 National Curriculum words.

Languages

Your child is being taught French by the Year 3 teachers throughout the year. We also sometimes answer the register in other languages.

Reading books will be given to your child on a Monday and handed back to school on the Friday. This allows the books to be quarantined in between each use. Although this means they will have the books for a few days, it will allow them time to become familiar with tricky words and work on reading aloud with fluency and expression. They can also read a selection of other materials at home (i.e. books, magazines, newspapers etc...) **We encourage parents to read with their child, ideally everyday, or at least 5 times per week (achieving 25 reads per term) and to sign the reading record.** Their reading record is to record their positive reading experiences and their next steps for improving their reading.

All children will have a book shelf colour, this is given and changed by the teacher and is based on reading, comprehension and **inference**. All reads at home count towards their reading challenge. When your child reaches 100 reads, there is a certificate on the school website available for you to print off for them.



Home Learning – a grid of 9 activities will be given out to the children, they will then have several weeks to complete the required number of tasks, ready for an 'exhibition'. Our first Home Learning sharing day is **6th November**. Children need to bring in all of their Home Learning and we will look at it during the day.

As well as these topic-based tasks, the children will need to read, practise termly spellings, practise X-tables (up to 12) with a focus on 2, 5, 10s and 3,4,8s and complete Mathematics/Times Table Rock Stars tasks throughout the week (please see Termly overview to see weekly Maths topics).

Basic Classroom Needs:

- One small Pencil Case containing pencils, pencil sharpener, rubber, small ruler, (optional coloured pencils)*
 - Art shirts (old shirts are great!)*
 - P.E. kit (white shirt, blue shorts, track suit and trainers or daps)*
 - *Small school bags only please*
- Names in/on everything please!**



PE is on Monday and Thursday afternoons. If this changes, we will inform you.
P.E. kits and P.E. shoes to be worn to school on PE days. Children are encouraged to bring a change of clothes (uniform) on this day if needed.

Our first parents' evenings are during the week beginning 9th November and they will be held remotely. More details will follow regarding times.

In the meantime, should you have any concerns at all, please email: year3@crossways.org.uk and we will reply as soon as we can.



Star awards and soaring to success will be celebrated in school through an online celebration assembly. If your child has received a certificate it will be emailed to you.

We hope your child has a successful and rewarding time learning in our classes this year.

Mrs Power, Mrs Scarsbrook
and Mrs Churchill