



Welcome to Year 3

at *South End
Junior School*

*Class of
2025*

Inspiring the Learning Journey

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*A welcome for
parents and carers of
Y3 pupils*

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I am extremely excited to be welcoming your child to South End Junior. I am sure families will be feeling a mixture of emotions as your child moves to the Juniors. It was great to spend two days together at the end of the summer term, and I know your children all enjoyed experiencing a flavour of their new school. During the first few days there will be ample opportunities for children to meet new friends, explore their new learning environment and get to know the adults in the school.

The Year 3 curriculum offers a rich and stimulating learning experience which children thrive and flourish in. We aim to, where possible, guide the children to make links across the subjects and to real life situations. As the children are at the start of their Junior school learning journey, we will pave the way for them to become independent and self-motivated learners.

This term, we will introduce the principles of a growth mindset. Those with a growth mindset believe that they are able to change their intelligence through practise and perseverance. When your child is finding something difficult, we will be teaching them strategies so that they are able to keep going in order to accomplish what they set out to do. We will also be encouraging children to celebrate their mistakes as they are a crucial part of learning. You can support your child in developing a growth mindset by praising effort rather than outcomes.

We cannot express how important the home-school relationship is, and would like to emphasise the fact that you are always welcome to contact us if you have questions or concerns regarding your child or their learning. It is important that the children see a united front between us as staff and you - their family. We ask that you either call the school office (on 01933 314611) and leave a message for the relevant teacher to call you back, or use the email address below to make direct contact with your child's class teacher.

Mrs Lewis (Y3 leader and Matisse class teacher)	slewis7@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Mrs Evans (Picasso)	fbowers@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk
Miss Kay (Ayres)	mkay@southend-jun.northants.sch.uk

I look forward to getting to know you and your children and celebrating their successes.

Mrs Suzanne Lewis
Y3 Director of Learning

Meet the Year 3 team



Mrs Lewis
Matisse teacher and
Director of
Learning Y3



Mrs Evans
Picasso teacher



Miss Kay
Ayres teacher



Mrs Gardner
Teaching assistant



Miss Bowditch
Teaching assistant



Mrs Pink-Hatte
Teaching assistant



Mrs Fett
Teaching assistant



Mrs Davidson
RE Teacher



Mrs Webb
Music teacher



Mrs Bird
French teacher

PE

Pupils have two timetabled PE lessons per week and will also engage in 'Daily Mile' sessions. Pupils must bring a clean, full PE kit to school every Monday and will be instructed to take it home for washing every Friday. We will do PE outside as much as possible and in most weathers, so please ensure your child has joggers and a sweatshirt/ hoodie in their PE bag alongside their shorts, t-shirt and trainers.

Jewellery

For reasons of safety, only stud earrings and watches may be worn at school by pupils. In PE lessons, all jewellery must be removed by the pupil.

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

In response to the period of school closure, we have adapted our planned curriculum with the aim to provide time to tackle any gaps in core skills but still deliver a broad and balanced curriculum that is compliant with the National Curriculum. Every day, pupils will have an English and a maths lesson that will be planned to cater for their exact needs at that moment in time plus supplementary short-burst sessions to further cater for reading, spelling, handwriting and times tables. In addition, all pupils will take part in science, PE, PSHE, computing, geography, history, RE, art, DT, music and French lessons. Where possible and beneficial, these subjects are taught through 'projects' to show connections and give purpose to the learning. Below are our planned curriculum projects for this academic year (subject to change in response to pupils' needs). We will send you a more detailed overview, including a knowledge organiser, as each project begins so that you are aware of what we are teaching and how you can support your child's learning.

Project 1: Mighty Metals	<i>We are engineers, scientists and makers of men (iron men, of course).</i>
Project 2: Rocks, relics and rumbles	<i>Let us discover what lies beneath our feet. From prehistoric fossils to the earth's fiery core.</i>
Project 3: Predator!	<i>It's time to walk on the wild side and find out who's coming to visit. Whatever it is, do you think you can handle it?</i>
Project 4: Through the Ages	<i>Turn off all your technology and try to forget the modern world. Imagine this place 5000 years ago. Let's travel through the ages to discover Britain's history.</i>
Project 5: Urban Pioneers	<i>Take a trip downtown where the lights are bright, and every street has a story to tell. Explore with fresh eyes the art of the city.</i>

Home learning

Once children have settled in, log on details and further information regarding home learning will be provided.

- **Reading:** Your child should read on a daily basis for at least 20 minutes and record this in their reading record. Parents are asked to sign the reading record on a Sunday to confirm the reading home learning that has taken place that week. Reading plays a huge role in learning so please ensure that your child is accessing a wide variety of books and regularly changing their reading book in school.
- **Times tables:** For optimum progress, pupils should play on TT Rockstars for at least 3 minutes every day. This can be accessed at <https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>. There is also a downloadable app for mobile devices. All pupils will have a log on to TT Rockstars which will be stuck in the inside cover of their reading record.
- **Spelling:** A set of spelling words will be sent home every week in your child's home learning spelling book so that they can practise them. This will normally be on a Tuesday. They will also be able to practise these online using the Spelling Shed website <https://play.edshed.com/en-gb/login> Log on details will be in the inside cover of their home learning spelling books. These spellings will be tested a week after they are given out.