



YEAR 3  
**TRANSITION  
BOOKLET**

**2025-26**



# **WELCOME TO YEAR 3**

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**We are so excited to welcome our next group of Year 3 children. In this transition booklet you will find lots of useful information about the year ahead. If you have any questions, the Year 3 team are here to support you so please do not hesitate to contact us.**





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# MEET THE TEAM



**Mr Cullen 3C**  
**Head of Year**



**Mr Knowles 3K**



**Miss Johnson 3J**



**Mr Smart 3S**



**Miss Chadwick 3RS**



**Mrs Sommersgill 3RS**

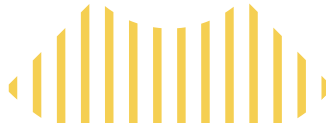


**Mrs Rogers 3RS**  
**(Maternity until December)**

## Teaching Assistants:

- **Ms Wood (HLTA, maternity until December) (left)**
- **Mrs Bharadwaj (right)**
- **Ms Rai (not pictured)**





## MR CULLEN

Hi Year 3, I'm Mr Cullen. I have worked at Beaver Road for four years, and am returning to Year 3 after a year with you all in Year 2. I am glad to be returning to Year 3 because we get a great field and I love the play at the end of the year.

I live with my wife and we have a daughter who is very sweet and cuddly, but also very messy! I have lived in a few different places and love to explore new cities and countries, particularly the food. I love being outside, particularly in my garden and having a barbecue. I like to grow flowers and vegetables - this year I've grown chillies! I was born in Dublin, Ireland, but grew up in the land of Robin Hood, Nottingham, though I support the League Cup champions 2025, Newcastle United. Howay the Toon!



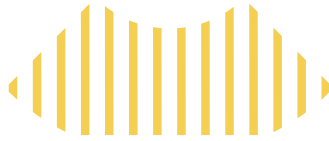
## MR KNOWLES

Hello Year 3! You all know me as a PE teacher, however things changed last year and I had my first ever class. It was that good, I thought why not do it again! I'm really looking forward to next year. We're going to have such an amazing year.

I live with my wife Danielle and my two children, Jesse and Robin, oh and my two dogs, Buddy and Enzo. We love spending time as a family, whether that's going on adventures, trips to the cinema or playing in the garden.

I am looking forward to seeing you all in Year 3 in September.





## MISS JOHNSON

Hi Year 3, I'm Miss Johnson. This is my second year working at Beaver Road, previously I have worked in Year 5. I am looking forward to coming to work at the First School and exploring the exciting Year 3 curriculum with you!

I was born just down the road in West Didsbury, but my family now live in beautiful Worcestershire - I love going to visit them, especially to see my baby nephew! When I am not working hard at school, I enjoy cooking, hiking and going on lots of travels with my partner. Camping is one of our favourite things - last year we wild camped on the Isle of Skye! I also love blues and jazz music, and I play the classical guitar. I try to go to a concert or gig at least once a month!

I am sure we will have lots of fun together!



## MR SMART

Hello Year 3,

I'm Mr Smart and absolutely love teaching in Year 3. I can't wait to explore our topics with you such as earthquakes and volcanoes in Geography as well as the Stone Age and Ancient Egypt in History. We're going to have a blast from examining skeletons and fossils in Science to designing greenhouses and woven patterns in Design and Technology.

At home, I spend most of my days outdoors gardening and always building out of wood - things like treehouses, shelves and other bits and bobs. I look forward to meeting you all.

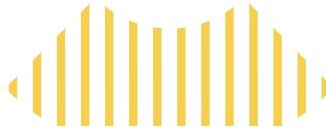




## **MISS CHADWICK**

Hi Year 3, I'm Miss Chadwick. I have been teaching for 4 years, this will be my second year at Beaver road and my third time teaching year 3 ! I'm glad to be returning.

When I am not at work, I spend most of my time with my family, we have a big meet up every Saturday. I enjoy baking and travelling with my partner, we love going to new countries. India is my favourite country to travel to, I love everything about it! I have lived in Manchester for most of my life apart from 3 years which I spent in Australia.



## **MRS SUMMERSGILL**

I am over the moon to be joining the Year 3 team in September!

In 2008, I became a Teaching Assistant at Beaver Road, and I loved working here so much that I trained to be a teacher just a couple of years later.

Outside of school, I spend quality time with family and friends, as well as making sure my home is tidy and organised of course! I have a son aged 5 (Sebastian) and a daughter aged 4 (Georgina). As a family, we love to travel to see animals in their natural habitats, but we're always excited to return home to see our two lively whippets called Ollie & Eric.



## MRS ROGERS

Hi everyone, my name is Mrs Rogers and I'm so excited to be coming back from maternity leave in December to join you in Year 3!

I have been at Beaver Road for 9 years now and have taught in both the First School and the Junior School. I'm thrilled to be heading back to the First School to meet you all - I know we will have so much fun!

Earlier this year, I had a new baby called Poppy. She is adorable and is such a happy, smiley baby! I live at home with Poppy, my husband Adam, 4 year old twins (Ruby and Louis) and my little dog, Dottie. I'm sure you'll hear lots about them all!

In my spare time, I enjoy cooking, shopping and playing with my twins. We spend most of our time doing arts and crafts and having dance parties!

I can't wait to see you all in December.

Enjoy your summer!



## **MISS WOOD**

Hi Year 3, I'm Miss Wood. I'm currently at home looking after my new baby, Elsie, but I'm very excited to come back to school and meet you all! I have been at Beaver Road for over 16 years and have worked in lots of different year groups. I love reading, growing things and taking my very cheeky dog, Dolly, for lots of walks. I also have a cat called Flo and lots of freshwater fish, so my house is very busy but fun!

I hope you all enjoy the summer holidays and the start of Year 3. See you in December!



## **MRS BHARADWAJ**

Hello Year 3, I'm Mrs Bharadwaj. You might have seen me near the playground when you're heading back after lunch! I moved to the UK from India in September 2020 and have been teaching for over 8 years. I live in Didsbury with my husband and daughter, Ishani.

I'm a big foodie and love experimenting in the kitchen – I like to think of myself as a master chef! I'm also a certified yoga instructor, and I enjoy dancing, spinning hoops, and discussing personal growth with friends. I'm really excited to be part of your journey. Let's grow and learn together!



# HOW CAN YOU SUPPORT YOUR CHILD AT HOME?

**1** At the beginning of each half term, we'll send home a Home Learning Grid, similar to those Mr Cullen sent out in Year 2, and the spellings to learn for that half term. This will be posted to Seesaw.

On the learning at home grid, there will be a variety of tasks for every subject that you can complete in your own time and tick off. There will be some activities that we suggest are completed weekly, such as reading, spellings and times tables and some that you can work on over a few weeks.

**2** At the beginning of the year, we will give out your maths app logins (Times Table Rockstar/Numbots and Mangahigh) so you can access the app at home and practise your times tables, addition and subtraction and other areas of maths.

We will also give out your Oxford Reading buddy logins so you can access a wealth of books and texts that suit your level of reading.

Your logins will be the same as in Year 2. If you lose them, please let your class teacher know.

**3** We also recommend that you read daily at home, with an adult. This can be your banded book, a book from your class book corner or a book of your own. Try to read aloud as well as listening to an adult read. Discussing the book, what's happened, what could happen next etc is really helpful too! Try to read a variety of texts, poetry, non-fiction, fiction, newspapers etc.





# A TYPICAL DAY IN YEAR 3



Our days starts at 8:50, with the register at 9:00. There will be a morning challenge task, just like in Year 2, on the board to start your day. It really helps speed up our morning if you have already chosen your lunch at home.

3C, 3S and 3RS will enter by the entrance near the canteen.

3J and 3K enter by the door onto the playing field, by the car park.

Our morning lasts until 12:30, with a 15 minute break for playtime at 10:45. We'll usually do Guided Reading, English and Maths during this time. On Friday mornings you'll have a few different teachers, including P.E (games) and music.

The afternoon in Year 3 is from 1:30 to 3:20. Afternoons usually include work around our half termly learning journey question or subjects such as Science, Spanish, Computing, Religion and PE (gymnastics or dance). Our first learning journey question is '**What causes earthquakes, mountains and volcanoes?**'

**P.E in Year 3 will be on Mondays and Fridays.** We recommend you keep your kit in school, in your locker, all week, taking it home half termly.

**Remember to label all of your children's school clothes.**







# CURRICULUM OVERVIEW

In Year 3 we will be exploring many different areas of the National Curriculum. Each half term we will start with a new topic based around our learning question, see below.

## Our learning questions will be:

**Autumn 1: How are Volcanoes, Earthquakes and Mountains formed? (Geography focus)**

**Autumn 2; How can I make a large structure to support sustainability? (Design and Technology focus)**

**Spring 1: Who first lived in Britain? (History focus)**

**Spring 2: Why do people holiday in the Mediterranean? (Geography focus)**

**Summer 1: What are the wonders of Ancient Egypt? (History focus)**

**Summer 2: What came first, the blossom or the apple? (Science focus)**

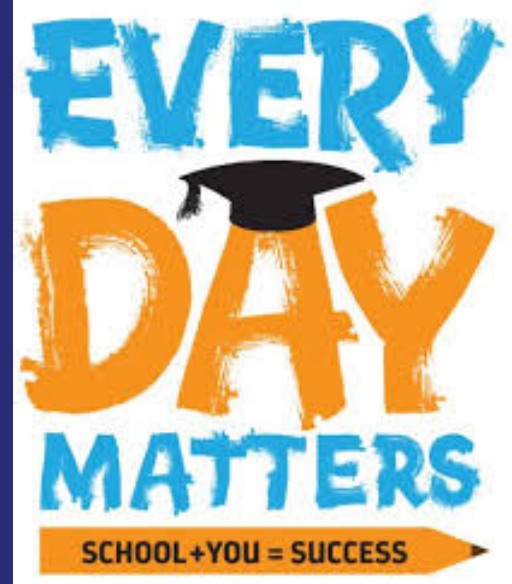
Each half term we will be learning a different part of the science curriculum, with the last half term being a larger focus on plants. Aligning with our volcanoes learning question, we will be learning about geology in our Autumn 1 science focus.

We will explore a range of texts and writing styles in our English lessons, with our first being, *Escape from Pompeii* by Christina Balit. We will be writing setting descriptions and a non-fiction information text on our geography learning.

In maths, we will start the year with a place value focus, before moving onto graphs and then addition and subtraction. Over the year, we will cover the whole of the Year 3 maths curriculum. It is expected that children have learnt their 3, 4 and 8 times tables by the end of Year 3.

In Year 3 we will be going on some fantastic trips, including a two-night residential to Dobroyd Castle, part of Robin Wood. We'll be visiting Manchester Jewish Museum, Manchester Museum and two trips to our local area.

# EXPECTATIONS - ATTENDANCE & PUNCTUALITY



We expect all children to be in school and on time every day. Our doors open at 08:50 each morning.

Punctuality is important for your child to settle into their day and not miss any valuable learning time.

If your child is unwell, it's crucial that you inform us as soon as possible. Please follow our attendance policy by ringing the school office in the morning, stating the reason for their absence.

# EXPECTATIONS - BEHAVIOUR & WELLBEING



At Beaver Road, we foster a positive and nurturing environment where all children feel safe and happy.

We expect every child to be a kind and respectful member of our school community. This includes how they interact with their peers, teachers, and how they care for our school environment.

Your child's class teacher will communicate with you directly if they have any concerns regarding your child's behaviour or wellbeing. We believe in working together to ensure every child thrives.

# EXPECTATIONS - READY TO LEARN



To help your child have a successful day, we ask that they come to school prepared with the following:

- **Named Water Bottle:** Filled with water, ready to stay hydrated throughout the day.
- **Reading Book:** To support their reading journey.
- **PE Kit:** Please make sure your child has their labelled PE kit on the following days: Monday and Friday



# EXPECTATIONS - SEESAW



We value strong home-school communication. Your child's class teacher will regularly update you on curriculum information, class activities using Seesaw. Please ensure you have downloaded the Seesaw app and are connected to your child's account.



# SCHOOL UNIFORM



It is important that your child comes to school in the correct school uniform:

- Blue jumper/cardigan
- Grey trousers, shorts, pinafore or skirt
- Plain black shoes or trainers. There must be no visible logos and soles must also be black.
- No jewellery (apart from small studs, which must be covered for PE)
- Plain black PE kits
- **Please label all of your children's clothes, including coats and winter wear.**



**HAVE A  
LOVELY  
SUMMER**



**Year 3 will start on  
Tuesday 2nd September,  
we look forward to  
seeing you then!**

