

Welcome to Year 3

Southridge First School

Meet the teaching staff:

❖ Miss Young and Mrs Statham

❖ Mrs Burton



What can you expect?

- New Key Stage
- Interesting, fun and varied curriculum
- Encourage independent working
- Supportive environment
- Times Tables ready for Y4

What will my child be learning?

On our school website, you can see an overview of all subjects and topics for the year ahead (under Curriculum).

From Megacities in Geography to 3D Design in Computing, we have lots of exciting topics for everyone!

We are also very lucky to have Sports coaches who come and lead various sessions with sports such as dodgeball on offer.

Year3	Rocks (Properties, fossils, soils)	Light (Sources, shadows, reflection)	Forces and Magnets (Magnets, friction)	Plants (Functions of parts, water transportation, life cycle)	Animals Including Humans (Nutrition, movement)	Investigations and STEM Week
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Outdoor Learning

This year, we have taken our learning outside with lots of exciting lessons going on in the various areas around school. From Stone Age shelters in history to angle hunts in maths, we have been out whatever the weather!

There are so many benefits to outdoor learning and research has shown it can support well-being as well as improve engagement.



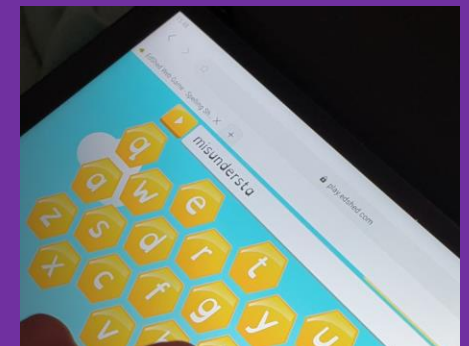
Homework

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- Every Thursday
- Due the following Monday
- Maths or English alternate weeks
- English can be sometimes linked to our topic. E.g. researching The Stone Age or writing a letter linked to our Ice Palace story
- Project homework set half termly linked to topics
- We also share Times Table Rockstar and EdShed logins and ask that children access these regularly.

Spelling

- Spelling is taught weekly, and the skills practiced daily.
- Children will practice independently as part of 'early work'.
- Children will practice more formally as part of daily literacy lessons.
- Teachers will assess progress by monitoring children's work, and through a half-termly test.
- Practice can still take place at home through Spelling Shed, but there will be no weekly test.



How can you support your child at home?

- Support your child with their homework.
- Times tables – lots of practise as well as allowing them to access TTRS regularly.

Reading

- Groups will have an allocated day when they will read with the teacher.
- A short homework task will be set linked to the teacher guided session.
- Please support your child to complete this task.
- A wide range of texts also available for free choice.

Daily routine

- 8.40am- 8.50am - Doors open (pupils in Year 3 can be handed over at the school gates and walk independently to their classroom if wished)
- 8.50am - morning registration
- 10.30-10.45am - morning break.
- 11:45 - Guided reading session
- 12.05pm - Lunch break
- 1.00pm - afternoon registration
- 2.00-2.10pm - afternoon break
- 3.20pm - end of the school day.

Will the children go Swimming?

- Swimming in both the Autumn and Spring terms.
- Parent/ carer volunteers support is very much appreciated.
- Coach to and from Waves.

PE

- 2 lessons per week
- Swimming counts as one of these lessons in Autumn and Spring terms
- Pupils to come to school in their PE kits on their allocated day
- PE days will change half termly and we will give you advance notice of this via our newsletter.

What clubs and activities are there?

- Out of school clubs every half term.
- Football, choir, art club, cricket, chess and many others!
- Once a child has signed up for a club, we ask that you support them in completing the whole 5 sessions, even if it is not initially to their taste. Club payments are non-refundable.

Communication

- Staff on the Yard
- School newsletter every 2 weeks
- School Gateway app
- Club letters and permission slips sent electronically via email

Home School behaviour agreement

- As the children enter a new key stage, we would like to remind you that we have high expectations of behaviour here at Southridge.
- The home/school behaviour agreement highlights expectations which children, adults and staff should follow and makes sure that we are all on the 'same page'.

SOUTHRIDGE FIRST SCHOOL	
HOME – SCHOOL AGREEMENT SEPTEMBER 2022	
Child's name _____	
THIS AGREEMENT COVERS YOUR TIME AT SOUTHRIDGE RECEPTION – YEAR 4	
Southridge First School – The School will try to:	
- Care for your child's safety and happiness in an orderly but warm environment - Be open and approachable to all - Develop in children a sense of self discipline, an understanding of the need to make appropriate, suitable choices and acceptance of the need to take responsibility for their own actions - Contact parents if there are concerns with attendance, punctuality, aggression or behaviour - Provide regular Consultation Meetings with parents to discuss their child's progress - Send home a written Annual Report to parents - Keep parents informed, through regular newsletters - Provide pupils with a broad, balanced curriculum that is matched to your child's needs and abilities - Encourage children to do their best - Develop children's independent thinking skills to enable them to solve problems and find solutions - Provide regular homework, in line with the school policy, appropriate to your child's age - Support all children to realise their potential - Prepare children for Middle School and their future life as responsible adults	
Headteacher's Signature: _____	Date: _____ September 2022
Parents/Carers – I/We Shall try to:	
- Make sure my child arrives at school on time: 8.55am for the morning session - Make sure my child attends regularly and inform the school to explain any absence. - Avoid taking holidays in school time - Attend parent/teacher consultations - Support the school's homework programme, by hearing reading, writing in the home/school reading books and helping with learning spellings and tables every week. - Help my child to be independent - Support the school's policy on discipline. - Support the commitment to school uniform including PE kit, suitable footwear and no jewellery. - Inform the school if there are any concerns or problems that might affect my child's work, behaviour or well being. - Inform the school promptly of any changes to home circumstances such as change of address, phone number etc.	
Parent/Guardian's Signature: _____	Date: _____
The Pupil – I shall try to:	
- Demonstrate our school core values – friendship, kindness, honesty, courage and responsibility - Be gentle, kind and helpful - Have good manners - Listen carefully - Work hard and to the best of my ability in all things - Look after the school equipment and my belongings - Be honest and take responsibility for my own actions - Be independent - Be supportive of others	
Pupil's Signature: _____	

Relationships Education update 2026-2027



Relationships Education in schools is becoming increasingly embedded and is now compulsory, meaning that there is no opt-out for parents. It teaches children about healthy relationships, including the concepts of friendship and privacy.

This subject does not involve sex education, which continues to be taught in middle or secondary schools. However, children are taught the correct names for parts of their body, which supports safeguarding where required, as well as learning about the concept of puberty.

Information about Relationships Education within our Personal, Social, Emotional and Health (PSE/REd) curriculum can be found on our school website. It is carefully woven through our Jigsaw programme across the year, alongside our core values, enrichment opportunities, and weekly assemblies.

Monitoring shows that all children feel safe to express their own views and opinions.

Our children are provided with varied and diverse opportunities to apply their learning throughout their time at Southridge.

Trips and visitors

- Fun, educational topic-based trips to support and enhance the children's learning.
- Visitors in school - archaeologists, scientists and a geologist!
- Participate in NT Sports tournaments - dodgeball, football and cricket.
- In Y3 we use the metro as our mode of transport for some trips.



Celebration Assembly

Fridays:

- Headteacher Award
- You and Me Award
- Lighthouse points- Lighthouse table and Campfire Friday
- Out of school achievements. E.g. swimming certificates, football awards etc

Medicines and personal information.

- Please keep us updated on any changes to your child's needs.
- Please remember that we are unable to administer paracetamol in school unless prescribed by your GP.
- You must hand medicine into the office and complete a medicine form.

Uniform and school bags

- School colours and black school shoes - please remember to label every item.
- Long hair to be tied back.
- No jewellery to be worn in school.
- Please use the school book bags or a slim style bag. No bulky rucksacks due to space in the cloakroom/ classroom.
- Uniform can be purchased from Anne Thomas in Whitley Bay.
- Our PTA organise second hand uniform stock which can be collected from a box at the office.

Will my child still receive milk and snack?

- Daily fruit is not subsidised after Year 2.
- Children can bring in a healthy snack if they wish (no products containing nuts).
- If you would like to pay for your child to continue having milk each day then please apply directly at www.coolmilk.com/

Our time in Year 3

I loved playing in the dodgeball tournament!

I have learnt a lot and feel ready for Year 4 now!

Science has been amazing, and we got to do lots of fun experiments!

I have really enjoyed Year 3, especially the Stone Age topic!

We got to do loads of cool stuff!

I will miss Year 3, it was the best! I really liked D.T, especially when we got to make healthy pizzas!