End of Year Expectations

YEAR THREE

Reading

Year 3 end of year expectations:

By the end of Year 3, children should be able to:

Word Reading

- Read aloud fluently with appropriate pace
- Use knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes to decode new vocabulary

Comprehension

- Read a wide range of fiction, poetry, plays and non-fiction
- Identify themes and conventions in different texts
- Use dictionaries to check meanings
- Ask questions to improve understanding
- Retrieve and record information from non-fiction
- Summarise main ideas from a paragraph
- Make inferences using evidence from the text
- Predict what might happen next

What this looks like

- "The word 'enormous' means very big."
- "I know she felt nervous because her hands were shaking."
- Gives a short summary of a chapter

By the end of Year 3, children should be confidently reading longer texts independently.

What can parents do at home to support?

-Encourage regular quiet reading time
-Talk about new words
-Ask your child to summarise
-Read together and discuss books

Writing

Year 3 end of year expectations:

Grammar – What children should know and use

Children should be able to:

- Use a range of conjunctions: when, before, after, while, because
- Use adverbs and prepositions to express time and cause
- Write in paragraphs
- Use present perfect form
- Use expanded noun phrases with detail
- Use correct use of a/an

Secure examples

- *After the storm had passed, the sky became clear.*
- *She has finished her homework.*
- *The narrow, winding path led to the castle.*
- *He ran quickly towards the gate.*

Punctuation – What is expected

Children should:

- Use commas in complex sentences
- Use apostrophes for plural possession
- Use inverted commas (speech marks) correctly
- Use paragraphs appropriately

Secure examples

- *"Stop!" shouted Tom.*
- *The girls' football team won the match.*
- *When it started to rain, we ran inside.*

What can parents do at home to support?

-Encourage planning before writing
-Help spot punctuation together
-Practise handwriting and spelling
-Praise creativity and effort

Maths

Year 3 end of year expectations:

Number

Children should be able to:

- Read and write numbers to 1,000
- Understand hundreds, tens and ones
- Add and subtract 3-digit numbers using formal written methods
- Recall 3, 4 and 8 times tables
- Multiply and divide 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers
- Compare and order fractions
- Understand tenths

Examples

- 356 + 127 = 483
- 8 × 6 = 48
- 48 ÷ 6 = 8
- 3/10 = three tenths

Measurement

Children should be able to:

- Measure and calculate perimeter
- Use standard units (mm, cm, m, g, kg, ml, l)
- Tell time using the 24-hour clock
- Estimate and compare durations

Example

- Perimeter of rectangle: 5 cm + 5 cm + 3 cm + 3 cm = 16 cm

Shape (Geometry)

Children should be able to:

- Identify right angles
- Compare and describe angles
- Recognise horizontal, vertical, parallel and perpendicular lines
- Use coordinates in the first quadrant

What can parents do at home to support?

-Practise times tables regularly
-Use measuring in cooking
-Ask children to explain methods
-Play problem-solving games