

Buxton School

Year 3 Annual Newsletter

2017-2018



A warm welcome back to the parents and children in Year 3. The children look very smart in their uniforms and we hope this will continue throughout the year.

This is an exciting time for the children moving into Year 3. We hope they will settle into the changes that come with moving into the juniors such as a later lunch and only one playtime in the morning.

We hope the positive start to the school year continues and we would also like to thank parents for their support in being punctual. Gates will open at 8:45 so that pupils can access soft start activities; parents/carers can collect their children at **3.20pm**. To promote pupil independence and to enable our children to manage themselves in their learning environment we ask that parents leave their children to walk in to school; adults will be situated around the school premises to ensure their safety.

The team are:

Ms Monahan: Assistant Headteacher, Head of Phase

Ms Ashe: Head of Year and Class Teacher (3CA)

Mr. Michalowsky: Class Teacher (3PM)

Mr. Sofronie Class Teacher (3WS)

Ms Christodoulou: Class Teacher (3SC)

Ms R. Lindsay-Addy: Teaching Assistant

Ms Rumi: Teaching Assistant

Ms. Nancy: Teaching Assistant

Ms. Joseph: Teaching Assistant

Ms Fowler: PPA cover and specialist P.E. teacher.

Mr. Umeh: PPA Cover and specialist P.E. teacher.

Mr. Manuell: PPA Cover and specialist ICT teacher.

Mr Sheehan: PPA Cover and specialist Music teacher.

Curriculum

Our themes for this year will be:

Autumn 1: Digital Gamers ICT/Computing	Pictures Paintings and Photographs Art	Autumn 2: Scavengers and Settlers History
Spring 1: Bright Sparks! Science/Technology	Spring 2: How Humans Work Science	
Summer 1 and 2: Different Places Similar Lives Geography/Technology		

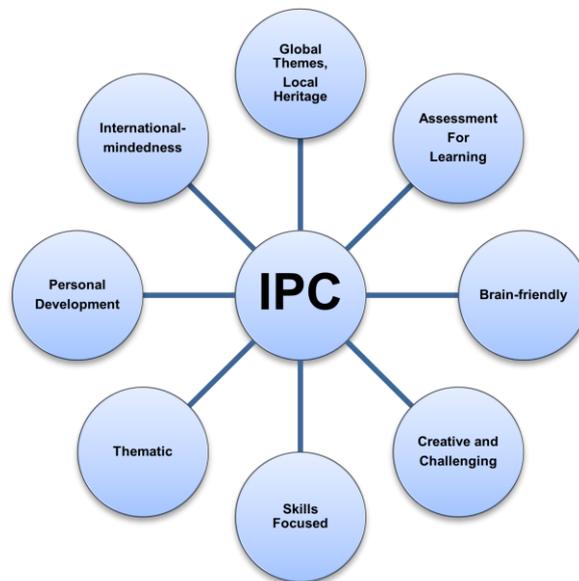
International Primary curriculum: **Blue** indicates the main focus for the unit. Details for wider foundation subjects for each theme will be included in the half termly newsletter.

IPC

The primary phase follows The International Primary Curriculum (IPC) for the foundation subjects. It is an internationally-minded, thematic, cross-curricular and rigorous teaching structure used in over 85 countries.

A 21st century curriculum

- ✓ An international, up to date, comprehensive and future oriented curriculum programme
- ✓ Aimed at primary aged children (3-12) growing up in the 21st Century
- ✓ It nurtures a love of learning and encourages the necessary key skills and personal qualities



IPC units are thematically based. Each theme will last for a number of weeks. Within the time frame of each unit the children will focus on that theme through one particular subject before moving onto another subject.

CLPE

As a 'Power of Reading' school we ensure teachers and children are engaged in the literacy curriculum by using high quality books. It combines an introduction to outstanding 'core books' for teachers and children with an approach to teaching the English curriculum that is creative, engaging and develops a love of literacy.

Homework

Maths and Literacy homework is given out every **Wednesday** and is to be returned the following **Wednesday** to the children's Literacy and Maths teachers. Your child is also expected to read daily and must be recorded in a reading record. Reading Records are collected in on Tuesday and Friday to be stamped; this is to ensure all pupils are reading daily.

Times Tables- 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8 and 10 (each up to x12) These tables will be studied throughout the year, please help your child learn them. Your child also has a username and password for **Times Tables Rockstars**, please ensure that they are using this resource regularly to consolidate their times tables knowledge.

Spellings- National Curriculum statutory Yr.3 words included in activities in weekly Spelling and SPAG sessions. These are commonly used words including plurals, words with the suffixes and prefixes from the No Nonsense Spelling Scheme.

Reminders

Uniform: Uniform is kept as simple as possible and some items such as t-shirts and shorts may be bought at reasonable prices at local supermarkets; sweatshirts and polo shirts with the school logo may be obtained from the uniform shop based in the THASC building. It is also possible to buy our uniform online, please see the school website for further details.

NURSERY	GIRLS	BOYS	BOYS & GIRLS YRS 5&6
White polo shirts	White shirts/blouses White polo shirts	White shirts White polo shirts	White collared shirt & Buxton school tie
Charcoal grey trousers, jogging bottoms, skirt or pinafore	Charcoal grey trousers, skirt or pinafore	Charcoal grey trousers	As previous selection
A choice of: Sweatshirt with school crest Fleece with school crest Cardigan with school crest	A choice of: Sweatshirt with school crest Fleece with school crest Cardigan with school crest	A choice of: Sweatshirt with school crest Fleece with school crest Cardigan with school crest	Purple V-Neck Jumper with School Crest
Summer purple and white checked dress Grey charcoal shorts (Summer)	Summer purple and white checked dress	Grey charcoal shorts (Summer)	As previous selection
Plain white socks, plain grey or white tights	Plain white socks, plain grey or white tights	Plain white socks, plain grey or white	Plain white socks, plain grey or white

- **Skirts, Shirts & Trousers** – All shirts whether polo or white school shirt must be tucked in at all times for boys and girls.
- **Jewellery**, one small stud (3mm max) can be worn in each ear. A plain watch can be worn but no other jewellery should be visible.
- **Footwear**- All children should wear proper **sensible black school shoes**. In wet weather wellington boots may be worn to and from school, but children should bring school shoes to change into on such days.
- **Hair accessories**-head scarves, ribbons, hair bands need to be plain charcoal grey or purple.
Please remember that all clothing should be **clearly labelled** with your child's name.

PE: Please ensure your child has a full P.E. kit in school; black shorts and a plain black t-shirt/black Buxton logo t-shirt available from the uniform shop on a Tuesday from 2:55-4:00pm. In addition to a t-shirt and a pair of shorts, a pair of trainers or pumps is needed, but these must **not** be the same as the shoes worn to school. In the wintertime children may wear black jogging or tracksuit bottoms. P.E. lessons are on a **Wednesday**.

Water Bottles: You may wish your child to have a water bottle. This must also be clearly labelled and contain only water.

Behaviour: As you are aware the school operates a 'Good to be Green' Behaviour policy, we have adopted a 5 step system which we believe will assist pupils in making correct choices these are:

- Gold- Pupils will be rewarded for demonstrating exceptional behaviour in and out of school
- Green – It's good to be green – we expect our pupils to stay on green with positive behaviour (we will ensure regular rewards are evident to those that achieve this).
- Yellow – Verbal warning
- Orange – Time with class teacher for not following clear warning
- Red – A 10 minute reflection time that will take place at lunchtime.

Pupils will be rewarded for their positive behaviour with half termly rewards. Parents/carers will be informed of the details nearer the time.

Educational Visits

These are crucial to support the school's curriculum, in order for us to provide our pupils with these opportunities we rely on parents to financially support the cost of visits. Costs are kept to a minimum and public transport is used where possible. We would like to thank you in advance for your support in this.

Parents who would like to accompany pupils on school visits are advised to speak to their child's class teacher.

Birthdays

If it is your child's birthday and you would like to send in sweets or a party bag please be aware that some children will have allergies so we ask you not to send in items containing nuts. Unfortunately we will not be able to accept birthday cakes.

Targets:

For Reading, Writing and Maths the National Curriculum Year Group Specific objectives are used by teachers to inform their planning and assessments. Each class teacher will set targets; this process will involve the pupils and will be shared with parents. Parents' Evenings will also be an opportunity where these targets will be discussed.

Full details of all the curriculum changes and the objectives being taught in our year group can be found using the link below:

<https://www.gov.uk/government/publications/national-curriculum-in-england-primary-curriculum>

Bikes

For health and safety reasons bikes and scooters are not to be ridden on school premises. Please use the bike shed at the Courtenay Road entrance of the school to **lock** them **securely**.

Shared Reading

The enjoyment of reading is crucial to your child's success in reading across the curriculum. Therefore your child will read a range of books throughout the year. The titles are as follows...

*Bill's New Frock, The Sheep-Pig, James and the Giant Peach,
Gangsta Granny, The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog.*

We would recommend that you purchase this book and read and enjoy it with your child.

Reading Journals

Your child is also expected to read daily and this must be recorded in a reading journal. Reading journals are collected in on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. **Please ensure that your child's reading is recorded regularly.** In the centre of the reading record are letter strings and phonemes that your child is expected to know, please read and practise these when you listen to your child read.

How to help your child at home:

www.bugclub.co.uk Reception to Year 6

First News website www.firstnews.co.uk

Education City <https://ec1.educationcity.com/>

For our topic 'Digital Gamers'

http://scratch.mit.edu/scratch_1.4/

<http://www.mindleaptech.com/apps/daisy-the-dinosaur/>

<https://www.gethopscotch.com>

Key Dates for this half term:

Autumn Term 2017

Friday 1st September 2017 – Wednesday 20th December 2017

Half-Term: Monday 23rd October 2017 – 27th October 2017

Yr R, 1, 3 and 6 Parent Information Evening: Tuesday 19th September 2017

Parents' Evenings- 19.10.17, 22.03.18, 05.07.18

Harvest Festivals: Wednesday 18th October 2017

Parent Curriculum Presentation (PCP) Assemblies- week commencing: 27.11.17, 12.03.18, 02.07.18

KS1 and KS2 Carol Concert, Primary Christmas Parties: Tuesday 19th December 2017

Building related closures

Secondary closes to pupils on Friday 15th December 2017 (normal time)

Primary closes to pupils on Wednesday 20th December at 12.30pm

Spring Term 2018

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 – Thursday 29th March 2018

Secondary opens to pupil Monday 8th January 2018

Primary opens to pupils 4th January 2018

Half-Term: Monday 12th February 2018 – Friday 16th February 2018

Easter Egg Competition: Monday 26th March 2018

Summer Term 2018

Monday 16th April 2018 – Friday 20th July 2018

Half-Term: Monday 28th May 2018 – Friday 1st June 2018

KS2 Sports Day: Wednesday 27th June 2018

Please note: we have booked an educational visit to The Museum of London on Friday 10th November 2017

Details will be given nearer the time but we will need four parent helpers per class.

INSET Days:

Wednesday 3rd January 2018 INSET

Monday 16th April 2018 INSET (Year 6 & Year 11 in School)

Being Prepared

Please ensure your child comes to school with the equipment that they need to get them through the school day e.g. packed lunches and PE kits. The school office will **not** be able to accept any of these items during the day as this disrupts learning.

Clubs

Staff take children to different sporting competitions throughout the year, where they compete against other schools from across the borough. There are also after schools clubs running every day of the week ranging from popular sports such as basketball and football to ballet and taekwondo. A variety of sports, music, drama and language activities are available to year 3.

Keep a look out for letters offering places to Year 3 for various clubs - timetables to follow.