



Year 3 - Term 1 2025

Welcome to Skegness Junior Academy

A very warm welcome to all children, parents and carers joining us here at Skegness Junior Academy. We hope you have all enjoyed the summer break and are as excited as us to get started with another year of brilliant learning and development in Year 3! Mrs Pickering, Miss Spencer and Miss Chapman are all looking forward to getting to know you all and we know that in this first term there are a lot of new things to get used to. Please do not hesitate to ask if there is anything you are unsure about. We are here to help you all settle in smoothly, so if there is anything you need, please do get in contact with us either in person or via reception.

Getting started in Y3

Class Dojo- We use class dojo in lots of different ways. Children can earn points in school for good learning, behaviour and attitudes which they can then trade in for rewards, you can also see these points and celebrate with them at home. At the end of the week we have a Dojo champion and a Star of the Week and we celebrate these in Friday's celebration assembly.

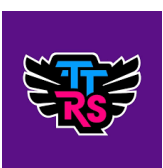
Please sign up using the code sent out by your class teacher or scan the QR code in their window. Please note the class Dojo is **free**, whilst the app may suggest you can upgrade for a fee there is absolutely no requirement for you to do so, all the features you need to fully engage are available on the free version.



ParentPay- You will be sent details to sign up to ParentPay. You will need this to book and pay for any school lunches (including free school meals) as well as for school trips, swimming and charitable donations.

School lunches- Sadly, universal free school meals for all ends at Y2- If your child is entitled to free school meals or you would like to pay for their hot lunches they must be booked on ParentPay at least 2 weeks in advance- the order deadline closes on the Sunday night a full week before the lunch is required- if this deadline is missed you will need to provide a packed lunch for your child. You can always check on ParentPay which meals have and haven't been booked. Please speak to the office if you need help with this.

Water and snack- Please send your child with a bottle of water every day, this must be water only in class, not flavoured or containing squash please. Also if your child would like a snack at break please ensure they bring a healthy option from home as free fruit is not available in KS2. Please no sweets or chocolate.



Timestable Rockstars- In Year 4, the children will be taking their Multiplication Table check which is recall of all multiplication facts up to 12x12. In year 3 we focus on 2,5,10,3,4,8, times tables. We will introduce children to TTRS and they will be given log in details that can also be used at home to practise. We have lots of competitions over the year and celebrate achievements when a new times table is secured.



Be Inspired



Year 3 - Term 1 2025 Time Travellers- The Stone Age

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Term 1 promises to be full of excitement as we begin to learn about what life was like in the Stone Age. We will be investigating how we have learnt about the earliest civilisations and creating our own cave paintings.

Maths

This term we will be learning all about place value as we begin to extend our mathematical knowledge into 3 digit numbers. We will then begin to use these numbers in calculations to add and subtract, developing both our mental and written methods of calculation.



In year 3, learning our multiplication tables are of high importance. We will begin by securing our recall of the 2,5 and 10 and then move on to the 3,4 and 8s. Practising at home using TT Rockstars is a really fun and great way to help develop the rapid recall required. We will ensure everyone has a log-in for this.

English

English this term will be closely linked to our topic of the Stone Age. We will be reading how to wash a woolly mammoth. And then writing our own instructions.

We will also be enjoying "After the fall" by Dan Santat which is an alternative tale based upon Humpty Dumpty.

Our English will focus on developing a high quality vocabulary and applying this in our writing alongside accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar.

We will be learning about different types of sentences and how we can use this for different purposes.

In reading we will focus on the key skills of retrieval from texts.

Science

In science this term, we will be learning about rocks and soils. We will learn to recognise the different types of rocks around us as well as knowing their properties and how they were made. We'll investigate fossils and learn how they are formed as well as inspecting a range of soils and discovering the different components that make it up.

Curriculum

In History, we will be learning about the Stone Age and how historians have learnt about this time from a range of sources. We'll learn about Skara Brae and how life changed from the Paleolithic to the neolithic times.

In PSHE we'll be learning about how to keep our bodies and minds healthy and in computing we'll learn about how networks allow us to work together more easily.

In RE we will be learning about pilgrimage and the places that are special to a wide range of different religions. Children will begin to learn some French, starting with greetings and numbers

Finally, in PE, we will be learning to play football and also are lucky to be joined by a cricket coach who will be teaching us how to play.

Key messages

PE Days- Tuesdays and Thursdays
Please come to school in outdoor PE kit including trainers. No jewellery to be worn, earrings to be removed at home if they are unable to do so independently

Reading at home- Please remember to read at home at least 4 times per week and log this in your yellow book.

E-mails- Please keep an eye on your e-mails to make sure you are receiving important messages from school.

