



Celebrating 45 Years

Year 3: Maths

Dear Parents and Guardians,

We will shortly be piloting our revised approach to teaching Maths to Year 3 students. This will be introduced the week beginning Monday 19th February, first week back after half term and will carry on through the remainder of the academic year.

This half term, the children in Year 3 have taken part in a Maths assessment which covers the Maths outcomes from the Year 3 National Curriculum. The results obtained from this, along with our ongoing assessment, teacher judgement and observations will provide us with evidence to form maths classes for the programme moving forward.

The programme will be structured as follows:

- 1 class will be up to 22 children who are mastering the Year 3 outcomes and are ready to work on outcomes from other year groups above Year 3.
- 1 class will be up to 22 children who are working towards the Year 3 outcomes and need to revisit outcomes from previous years in order for them to access age related outcomes. Additional adult support will also be provided within this class by our learning support.
- The remaining classes of approximately 22 children will continue as they currently are and will be taught by a Year 3 teacher in mixed ability differentiated classes.

Differentiation, personalised learning, challenge and mastery will continue to be embedded in all our lessons, regardless of which class your child will be working in. These classes will also be fluid and there may be movement at half term intervals. If a permanent move happens between classes, then parents will be informed.

This approach is not streaming / setting all children through ability. It is an approach to Maths which will give children who are working above the year group level or below the year group level the opportunity to work in an environment which caters specifically to their mathematical needs. All Pathways 3 children and EAL children who are already integrating will participate in this. Following this pilot, we are planning to introduce the programme to all KS2 year groups next academic year.

You will be informed what class your child will be working in when the Term 2 Progress Report is sent to parents on Thursday 8th February.

I will also host a parent workshop for Year 3 parents on Monday 5th February at 8.45am in the Cooper Hall for any parents who would like to find out more about this.

Kind regards,

Mr I. Rinaldi
Deputy Head of Primary

