

How will I get to know my new teachers when I go into Year 3?



When you are still in Year 2 at Infants School, the Year 3 teachers from our Junior School will come to your Infants class to meet you and read you stories. Our Year 3 teachers will chat to you and your Year 2 teacher so they can find out all about you before you go into their class.

"Hello, everyone," says the new Year 3 teacher. "I am going to read a story. Then we will chat about it and about you so I can get to know you all."



You will also visit our school and Year 3 classroom several times to get to know what happens and where everything is. When you make your visits to our Junior School, you will do a 'class swap' where you spend a morning in lessons here.

Lucy, Millie and Ahmed are visiting a Year 3 lesson to find out what happens.

"tello," says the Year 3 teacher. "Come and join us. We are writing about our favourite activities so you can tell us what you like doing."

Are you excited about coming to Junior School?

What else will Shinfield St Mary's do to help me settle in?



You will join a family picnic here with your family so you all get to know everyone here and what the school is like.

"This is a really fun picnic and a great Junior School," says Lucy to her friends and their grown-ups.

When you join our Junior School, you will stay in your classroom for all lessons and your Year 3 teachers will come to you. Whenever you need to leave the classroom, an adult will take you so you know what to do and where to find things.



We also give you a Year 6 buddy to look after you. They will come to your Infants School to meet you so you will already know the 'big' children here and how nice they are.

We also have Playground Pals from every class who are trained to look out for new children at playtimes and help them find friends and join in games.

Ahmed and Lucy's buddies are showing them the fun play equipment we have.

"There are so many nice children here to look after us," Ahmed says to Lucy.

Are you looking forward to making lots of new friends?

What will I learn and do in Year 3?



You will be studying subjects such as history, geography, science, etc. as well as continuing your learning in English and maths. You will also have homework (such as reading) to do.

We make learning fun and you get lots of support as you learn so you won't find it too hard.

"I love all the different things we are learning here," Millie tells her friends.

"Yes, and it is great that we get lots of help, too," Ahmed replies.

We have a Computer Suite for computing studies and you will sometimes be using computers and tablets to support your learning.

Lucy is using the computer to do some maths with her teacher's help.

"This is a fun maths program and it is really helping me practise my maths," Lucy says.

"We always make sure you learn at your own pace so there is no need to worry that the work will be too hard for you," Lucy's teacher tells her.



Are you looking forward to having fun as you learn lots of new things?

What activities will I do?

We have lots of fun activities for you.

for example, you can join our school clubs to do Rugby, Judo, Dance, Sports and Homework and to sing in the Choir club. We ensure there is something for everyone to learn and enjoy.





Ahmed and his new friend Harry are having fun as they play football.

"I am going to get this ball in the net,"
Lucy tells her friends as they play netball.

We love games and sports, and our school has won awards for this.



You will also have some exciting school trips to help with your learning. Some of the fun trips our Year 3 pupils have been on include:

- Local museums
- Marwell Zoo
- Butser Ancient Farm.

Millie and Ahmed are learning about the Romans on a school visit.

"You look super as a Roman soldier," Millie tells Ahmed.

"You look great, too, in your toga," Ahmed replies.

Are you looking forward to joining our fun activities and trips?

What will be expected of me when I join Year 3?



We want everyone to feel safe, be happy and follow our School Values. This means that you will behave nicely and try hard as you learn new things.

Don't worry, we are not too strict and you can earn rewards for trying hard and doing well. Our rewards include:

- Becoming a School Ambassador
- Collecting points and badges
- Achievement assemblies to celebrate when our children do well.

Ahmed is getting a reward for working very hard and completing all his tasks.

"Well done, Ahmed, you have worked really hard," says his teacher.

What happens if we are naughty? We have heard about the Red Point Room.

The Red Point Room is just a room next to the staffroom. Children who have not behaved as expected sit there and write a reflection task during their next playtime.

There is nothing to worry about (and we never give Red Points in your first term, but don't tell anyone! It's a secret!).

Ben is spending a little time in the Red Point Room to think about his behaviour.

"I am writing about how I think I can listen better in class and finish my work on time," says Ben.



Are you looking forward to getting rewards for working hard and doing well?





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