

Benhurst Primary School



**A Guide to Year 3
September 2023**

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Introduction



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Class	Teacher	Additional Adult/s
Otter	Mr Carter	Miss McCarthy Miss Snow
Badger	Miss Begum	

Open door policy

We operate an open door policy regarding your child's wellbeing where you can speak to us about anything you think we should be aware of. Please be aware that we have more time to discuss issues at the end of the day than at the beginning. Should you have any immediate concerns or information regarding your child during that day please feel free to mention it as they enter. Alternatively, if you require a more in-depth discussion, you will need to make an appointment to speak with the Class Teacher through the office, we can arrange for a meeting or a phone call at a convenient time.

If your child needs to leave school during the day for an appointment or be collected by a different adult, please ensure that the office is informed so that all members of staff are aware of any changes. Should you arrive to school late in the morning, your child must enter via the school office as they need to register their attendance as well as select their lunch option. If you are going to be late collecting your child at the end of the school day, please email or phone the office, as soon as possible, to ensure the message reaches us by the end of the day. If you are unable to collect your child and you are asking another trusted adult to collect them, please let the class teacher or the office know in advance. We cannot release children at the end of the day without parental permission.

We hope that your child will enjoy their time in Year 3.



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General Year 3 Information



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The School Day

8:50 - 9:00	Arrive at school/registration
9:00 - 9:45	Guided Reading
9:45-10:45	Lessons
10:45 - 11:00	Break time
11:00 - 12:15	Lessons
12:15 - 1:15	Lunch time
1.15 - 3:20	Lessons
3:20 - 3:30	Prepare for home time

Curriculum

The Year 3 curriculum overview can be found on our school website:

School trips/residentials

We have many exciting and educational school trips and special enrichment days planned for this school year.

Autumn 1 - Stone Age Workshop

Autumn 2 - Pantomime, Romford Synagogue

Spring 1 - Natural History Museum

Spring 2 - The National Gallery

Summer 1 - Allotment

Summer 2 - Chef Workshop

PE

- The children will be participating in outdoor and indoor PE throughout the year. For outdoor PE a black tracksuit will be required in the winter months. Trainers are optional. Pupils will not be allowed to wear their tights during PE lessons so please provide socks.

- Please ensure that all items of clothing are labelled.

	<u>Indoor P.E.</u>	<u>Outdoor P.E.</u>
<u>Otter class</u>	Wednesday	Monday
<u>Badger class</u>	Monday	Friday

Taking part in at least 2 hours of quality P.E lessons is a statutory requirement for children at Benhurst Primary School. Due to health and safety considerations, please remember that children are unable to wear earrings during P.E lessons. Earrings/ears must not be covered with tape. Children must arrive at school without earrings in as staff members are not permitted to remove earrings. Clear, plastic stoppers are permitted for P.E lessons. If your child has earrings in on a day that the class takes part in P.E, they will not be permitted to take part in lessons.

School appropriate earrings are small, discrete studs. Hooped earrings of any kind are not permitted.

Equipment

- In Key Stage 2, every child is provided with a pencil case containing all the necessary equipment. These will be kept with them in school.
- All children have been provided with a planner which needs to be in school on a daily basis. At the front there is an agreement which needs to be signed by the parent(s)/carer(s) and the child. Each time your child reads at home please indicate this by signing the planner. Planners will be collected every Monday to check that your child has read at least four times in the previous week.

Homework

The Year 3 home learning information can be found on *Google Classroom*.

Maths

- **Mathletics** - Children will be set at least 1 Maths activity per week linked to their Maths Learning in class. The children have their own unique logins. <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>. This will be set Thursday and due the following Thursday

English

- **Spellings** - New spellings are given to the children each Thursday. These can be found on the Year 3 *Google Classroom*. There is a list of spellings which children are expected to be able to spell correctly by the end of Year 3. They are all incorporated into the weekly spellings and are revisited throughout the year. Your child will practise spellings at school but they also need to practise them at home.
Weekly spellings will be tested every Thursday and your child will be aware of their score. Spellings books will not be sent home.
- **Reading** - We ask that the children read as often as possible with an adult/older sibling (at least four times a week). The children can fill in their own reading records if they are able to, but we kindly request that you still sign them yourselves. Please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts (both fiction and non-fiction) as this will greatly help them to learn new or challenging vocabulary.
- **Reading books** - Children will change their own reading books within the stage they are currently at. All children have been shown how to do this by an adult and will help build their independence. Books will only be changed once your child's planner has been signed to say the book has been read twice. For longer books, books should be read once over a couple of days.
- Please encourage your child to read a wide range of texts (both fiction and non-fiction) as this will greatly help them to learn new or challenging vocabulary.

Project Homework

- Optional project homework will be set each half term via *Google Classroom*. There will be 3 writing, 3 research and 3 creative projects linked to the children's current topic. The projects are a wonderful opportunity for families to work together and enjoy some shared learning! This homework will be due at the end of each half term, celebrated in school and a certificate will be issued on completion.

Assessments

At Benhurst, we assess children as part of our daily teaching through general observations of their learning and ongoing discussions. These daily interactions with your child are used to inform our planning and to develop your child's learning.

Useful Websites

Benhurst website - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/>

Year 3 curriculum - <https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/year-3-curriculum/>

Year 3 homework: Otter - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjIzMjYzMjY2NjMz>

Year 3 homework: Badger - <https://classroom.google.com/c/NjIxNzkwMTYxNjI1>

ParentPay - <https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login>

Mathletics - <https://login.mathletics.com/>

TTRockstars - <https://ttrackstars.com/>

BBC Bitesize - <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zbr9wmn>

U R Brainy - <https://urbrainy.com/mtc>

Additional information

School bags:

Key Stage Two - Benhurst Primary School Book Bag, Benhurst Primary School Rucksack or a plain black or dark green rucksack.

Water bottles:

A school water bottle or a clear, plastic water bottle up to 500ml in size. Metal bottles or bottles with additional features are not permitted.



Benhurst Primary School Gaming and Social Media

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In recent years, we have seen an increase in the number of children using social media and computer games aimed at a mainly teenage audience. This can cause issues at home and school and it is important that parents are aware of what their child is using and monitors it very closely.

For example, we know of children as young as 7 who have access to Fortnite, Call of Duty and GTA. To illustrate our concern, GTA is a game based on gang violence using knives and guns, stealing, nudity, extremely coarse language, alcohol abuse, stealing and selling illegal drugs, prostitution and breaking and entering. As parents, we would ask you to consider the boundaries you set for your children. For those who believe such games appropriate for their child at a primary age, I would ask if you would be comfortable allowing your child to see any of these situations in real life? Of course the answer is no, so why allow them to see and hear these things on a computer?

Some studies have shown a direct link between children playing violent games and them behaving aggressively. It is becoming increasingly notable from the way children speak and play if they are exposed to such games and is a growing concern within our school.

More information on this subject can be found at www.askaboutgames.com/age-rating-info/

Below is a guide to some popular social media platforms that you may find useful.



Instagram (age 13+) lets users snap, edit, and share photos and 15-second videos, either publicly or with a private network of followers. It also lets you apply fun filters and effects to your photos, making them look high quality and artistic.

What parents need to know:

- Children are on the lookout for "likes." Children may measure the "success" of their photos - even their self-worth (worryingly) by the number of likes or comments they receive.
- Public photos are the default. Photos and videos shared on Instagram are public unless privacy settings are adjusted.
- Private messaging is now an option. Instagram Direct allows users to send "private messages" to up to 15 mutual friends. These pictures don't show up on their public feeds.



Snapchat (age 13+) is a messaging app that lets users put a time limit on the pictures and videos they send before they disappear. Many young people use the app to share silly or embarrassing photos without the risk of them going public. However, there are lots of opportunities to use it in other ways.

What parents need to know:

- It's a myth that Snapchats go away forever. Whenever an image is sent, it remains part of their digital footprint.
- It can make sending inappropriate images/messages seem OK. The seemingly risk-free messaging may actually encourage users to share pictures which they know they shouldn't.



Oovoo (age 13+) is a free video, voice and messaging app. Users can have group chats with up to 12 people.

What parents need to know:

- The default setting is public so you can talk to people you don't know, but they can be changed so that you can just talk to your friends

- The main safety issues are around the content of discussion and the ability to talk with strangers



WhatsApp (age 16+) users send text messages, audio messages, videos, and photos to one or many people with no message limits or fees.

What parents need to know:

- It can be pushy. After you sign up, it automatically connects you to all the people in your address book who also are using WhatsApp. It encourages you to add friends who haven't signed up yet.



Skype (age 13+) is a computer programme and app, which lets you make audio and video calls to other users around the world. You can also send instant messages.

What parents need to know:

- It can be difficult to adjust the privacy settings
- It's difficult to work out how to report or block
- Information on keeping safe online isn't prominent on the site.

General Social Media Age Guide



Reporting a Concern

To report a concern about online grooming or sexual behaviour online, contact CEOP: www.ceop.police.uk

Thank you in advance for your support and for keeping our children safe.



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Useful Contact Information



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Name	Contact information
School phone number	01708 450807
School contact email (all email enquiries)	office@benhurst.havering.sch.uk
School website - Main Page	www.benhurst.havering.sch.uk
School Clubs and Sports list	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/clubs-and-sports
Reporting a child's absence online	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/reporting-an-absence
School Calendar	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/Term-dates-for-2023-2024-002.pdf
Parent Pay	https://app.parentpay.com/public/client/security/v2/#/login
IFG Lunch Ordering	https://innovate2020.cashlesschool.co.uk/
ABACUS	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/parents/abacus
SMART Lumio	https://benhurst.havering.sch.uk/children/extended-learning
School Twitter	@BenhurstPrimary