Welcome to Year 3 and Avenue Junior School!

- Mr Upson– 3U - (Year Lead)
- Mrs Pereira and Miss Bacon – 3PB
- Miss Holmes – 3H



Agenda

- Daily routines
- Lunchtime arrangements
- The Year 3 curriculum
- Communication between ourselves and yourself
- Further transitional support

Morning Routine

- The school gates open at 8.30am. Staff will be on the main gate and the side gate to welcome the children.
- Children can then go straight into class to begin their morning work. This could be a maths, spelling, reading or reflection-based activity.
- The school gate closes at 8.50am and the register is taken in class at this time – after this time, you will need to bring your child round to the main office entrance.

Avenue Junior's main gate

- The main gate is on Avenue Road.
- Please walk, bike or scoot if possible.
- Scooters and bikes must be wheeled safely across the playground to the bike racks next to Year 3 entrance.
- If you need to drive, please park away from the school gates and walk.





Side gate

- The side gate is on Swansea Road.
- This gate leads onto the bottom playground by the MUGA (multi-use games area).





Classroom entrances for drop-off and collection:



Playtime

We have lots of different areas in which the children can play!

- Our Multi Use Games Area (MUGA)
- Two playgrounds
- The pirate ship area
- A trim trail
- Exercise equipment
- “Loose parts” available at lunchtime.
- Games equipment available at lunchtime.
- We also have places to sit and read quietly.









Breaktime arrangements:

- Children will have both a morning and an afternoon break. Each of these are 15 minutes long.

- Morning break is at 10:15 and the children can eat a healthy snack brought in from home – please note, the school does not provide a snack for your child which is different to infant/KS1 schools.
- Afternoon break is at 14:00.

- We are a healthy school, so you could send your child in with a snack that is fruit, vegetables, cereal bar, rice crackers, or something similar.

- Chocolate and crisps should not be given as a snack. Due to allergies of pupils across the school, we are a nut and kiwi free school.

Lunchtime arrangements:

- Lunch time is between 11.45 -12.45pm. Lunch and break are staggered with the Upper School (Year 5 and Year 6).
- Please note, lunches are not provided for free at school like they are in KS1.
  - Children can either bring in a packed lunch from home (no nuts or kiwis please). Staff will supervise the children's lunchtime and children will be encouraged to eat their lunch before going out to play.

  Or they can order a school lunch:

  - Each day the children will have five school lunch choices:
    - Main meal
    - Vegetarian option
    - Jacket potato with a choice of toppings
    - Pasta with a cheese or tomato sauce
    - "Pick and mix" sandwich/baguette option

Cost is currently £3.00 for a school lunch.

Check eligibility for free school meals here.

The Year 3 Curriculum

- Our curriculum is full of interesting topics and where possible, we try to link our learning together.
- Our curriculum topics are built around high-quality books which are written by a diverse range of authors.
- Where possible we include opportunities to enrich and develop our curriculum with different experiences.
- Lessons and topics are adapted year-on-year to suit the learning of our current pupils, and this will include responding to current events that are occurring in Norwich, the United Kingdom and across the world.
- Some example of this include sustainability, climate change, anti-racism and gender equality.







Year 3 Curriculum

Autumn term	Spring term	Summer term
Explorers (geography focused)	Sustainability and recycling (geography focused)	Ancient Egyptians (geography focused)
Stone Age (history focused)	All about Art (history focused)	Ancient Egyptians (history focused)

- All of our topics are explored though a variety of subjects such as Religion and Worldviews, Music, Art, Design Technology, Science and P.E.
- In the Autumn term, we will have an exhibition where parents and carers are invited in to see the children's work.

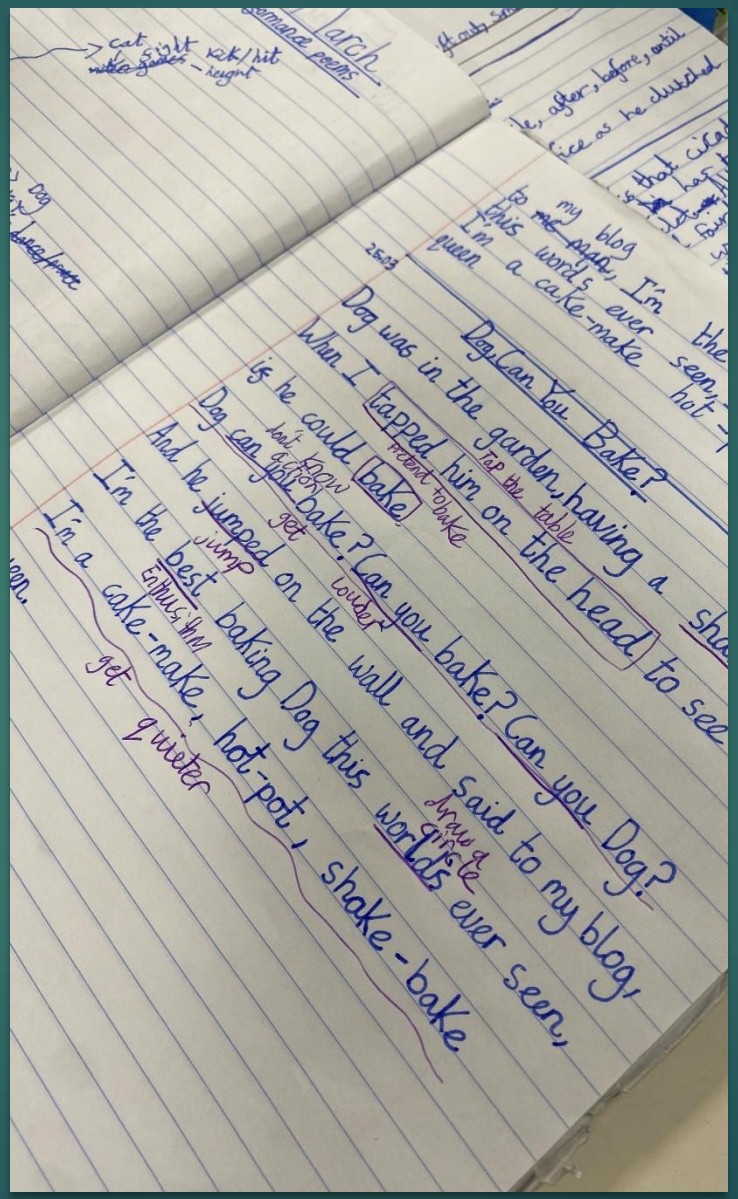


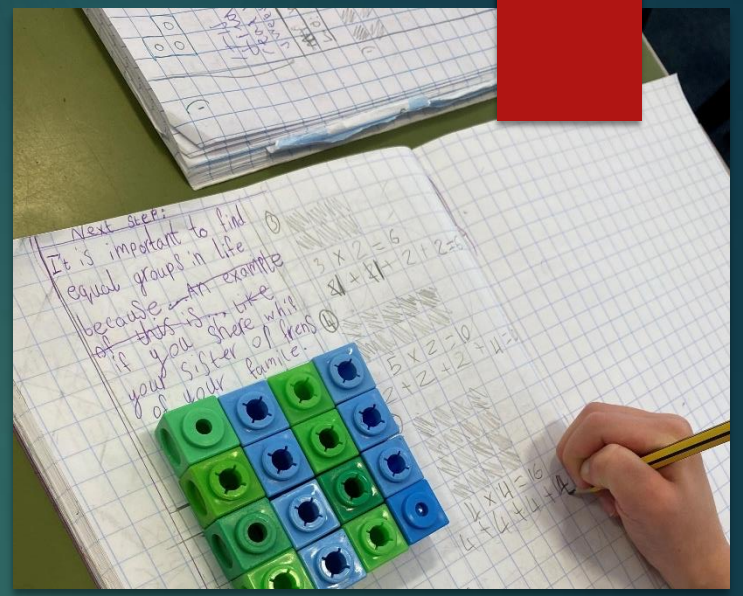


Year 3 Curriculum

Curriculum Maps – Avenue Junior School

- Each half term we will provide a detailed Curriculum Map which breaks down each topic into the individual subjects.
- These curriculum documents will be emailed home along with any other important documentation.
- They will also be available in the 'Curriculum' section of the school website (linked above).

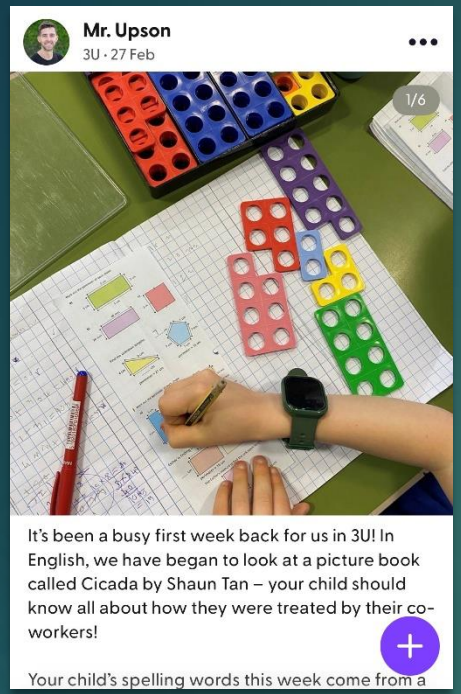




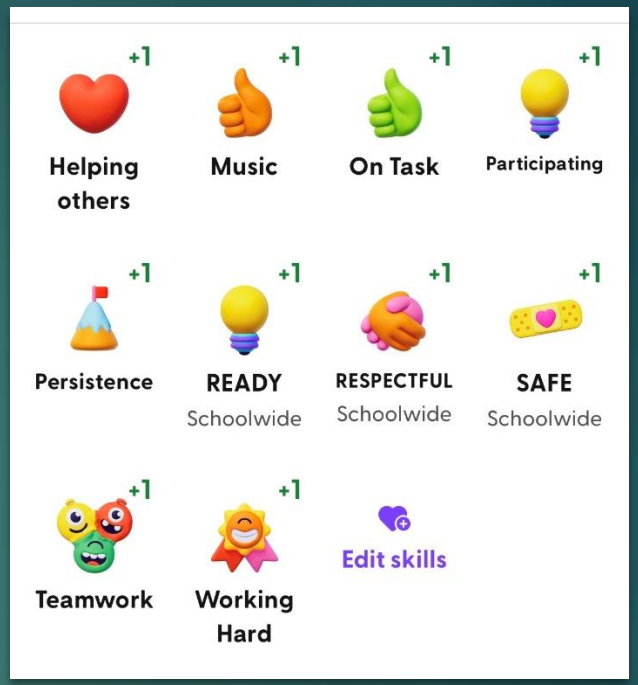


Communication with us:

- At Avenue Junior School we encourage dialogue and communication between home and school.
- This helps both parties and can often ease any potential confusion and worries throughout the year.
- There are several ways in which you can get in touch:
  - Speak with the teacher after school on the playground or arrange a meeting with them.
  - Email the school office – office@avenuejunior.org.
  - ClassDojo – an app/website that we use to share work (more information to follow).
  - Telephone – 01603 441034







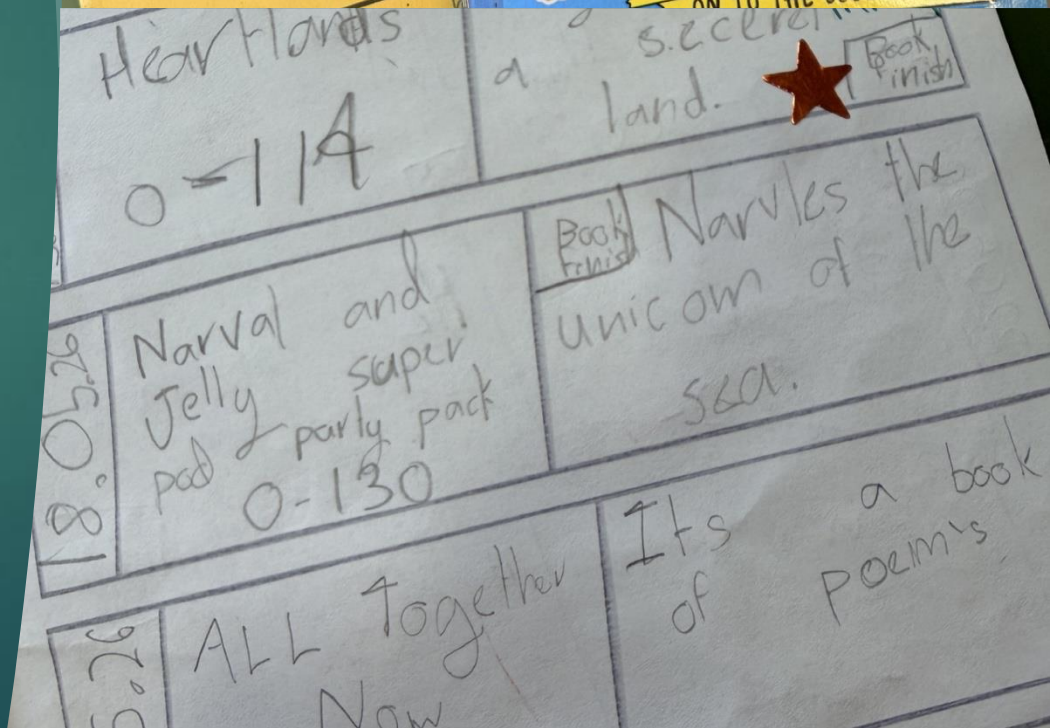
ClassDojo:

- ClassDojo is a free app (and website) designed specifically for primary schools.
- It is a tool for communicating with parents, updating you about events, clubs, sharing important information and recording 'dojo' points to reward effort.
- It functions much like a private social media page and is the main tool we use to share class learning, give class specific reminders and communicate with the whole school community.
- Your child's teacher will share a code for you to sign up and be connected to the class.

Home learning at Avenue Junior:

- We do not set formal homework is set, but regular reading (5 times per week), spelling practice and times table practice are strongly encouraged to support your child's development.
- Each half term we will suggest a number of optional homework activities that you may like to attempt at home with your child or they can complete them with siblings or friends. These activities are creative tasks that link to our topic for the half term.
- Home learning will always be celebrated, and we encourage children to share work that they have done at home!
- Pictures can be shared ClassDojo if this is easier than sending in the physical work.





Music at Avenue Junior:

- Every week, the children have lessons in our dedicated music room and a choir session. There will also be an opportunity for children to learn a musical instrument.
- In Year 3, children can learn either the violin, viola or the flute (this is governed by the children's physical size).
- As the year progresses, they can also learn cello and double bass.
- Instrumental lessons do incur a cost; however, this is subsidised by the Norfolk Music Service. They are further subsidised if you are eligible for free school meals.

Breakfast club and after school club:

- We have an excellent before and after school club run by Set Your Sights. Set Your Sights is a Norwich based company that specialises in providing a range of drama, art and sports activities to children aged 4-11.

- Morning sessions cost £4.50
- Afternoon sessions range between £9.50 –£12.50 (depending on pick-up times).

- All the details, including how to register your children for the clubs can be found by searching for 'Set Your Sights Avenue Junior School'
- Set Your Sights Avenue Junior School

SetYourSights
Fulfilling All Potentials

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

We are a welcoming and inclusive school, committed to ensuring all children make good progress and achieve their full potential. We have high expectations and aim to raise aspirations for every child.

Strong collaboration
The SENDCo, senior leaders, teachers, support staff and families work in close partnership to share information and ensure the best outcomes for each child.

Early identification and personalised support
We carefully monitor pupils' learning and development to identify additional needs as early as possible, putting tailored support in place to help children succeed
SEND-Identification-flowchart-1.pdf

Graduated approach to support
Support is adapted through an ongoing cycle of Assess – Plan – Do – Review, ensuring provision is regularly reviewed and adjusted to meet each child's needs
SEND-Graduated-Approach.pdf

For more information about how we identify and support SEND, please visit: www.avenuejuniorschool.org/about-us/send/ If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

Special Educational Needs and Disabilities:

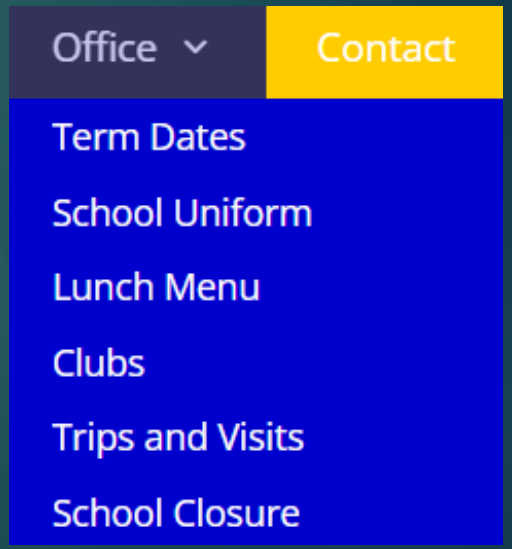
- We will be hosting a SEND coffee morning on Wednesday 17th June at 9:15am.
- This will be a chance to meet our SENDCo and some of the Pastoral Team and to ask any questions.
- There will be a short presentation about what SEND support looks like at Avenues.
- Any parent/carer who has a child with additional or emerging needs is welcome.
- If you are unable to attend but want to speak to the SENDCo, you can request a phone call instead. Please email the school office – office@avenuejunior.org.

Further Information

- On the home page of the school website, there is a tab that looks like this:



- Transition information will be uploaded here and there will be a copy of these slides uploaded as well so you can click on any of the embedded links.



- Under the 'Office' tab there is a section titled 'School Uniform'.
- We believe that uniform should be practical, affordable and easily available.
- Parents may purchase the vast majority of uniform wherever they choose, however jumpers and cardigans with the school logo are available from Stevensons in Norwich.

Continued transition support for your child:

- 25th June – our current Year 3 pupils and staff will go to Recreation Road Infant School to talk to the children about their experiences this year and to answer any questions your children might have.

- 2nd July – the Year 3 teachers will go to Rec Road for an hour-long session to meet the children and complete an activity with them. If your child does not attend Rec Road, your child's teacher will be in touch with you.

- Enhanced transition – we recognise that some children may require an enhanced transition to support them with the move from Year 2 to Year 3. We are working closely with infant schools to identify who may benefit from this and share details shortly with those identified.

- We have a half day of transition on the morning of Thursday 9th July (9:00-11:30) and a full transition day on Friday 10th July – at Avenue Junior School.

Best Start Family Hub

Schools and Community Team

Best Start Family Hub- Liz Fredricks

- This is a brilliant resource we are very fortunate to be working closely with. They are a 'one-stop shop' for families with children from pregnancy through the early years and beyond. Liz is a human encyclopaedia of everything that is going on locally and has a multitude of services at her fingertips. She is very friendly and easy to talk to. If you have a question, do ask it. It will keep her busy!

Schools and Communities Team - Louise Sallis

- This brilliant service supports children with emerging SEND - they can provide small group and 1:1 support for children and advise their families and schools how they can best support those needs. By offering early, targeted support, the team helps improve outcomes for children with SEND. Louise knows us very well - she worked at Rec Road for many years and understands our community very well.

BEST START IN LIFE | family hubs

We are looking forward to welcoming your children to Avenue Junior School!

- We recognise that transitioning to a new school can be tricky – the Year 3 Team will be completing lots of activities with the class to help them bond as a team.

- You are now going to have a chance to see your child's classroom for next year and have a brief chat with their teacher.

- If you have any further questions, please ask any staff and we will strive to answer any queries you may have!