schools works | Academy Trust
Building children's futures together

Rose Green Junior School
Raleigh Road, Bognor Regis, West Sussex.
PO21 3NA

01243 262317
office@rosegreenjunior.co.uk
Executive Headteacher: Mr Philip Craig
Head of School: Mrs Cathryn Easton

ROSE GREEN JUNIOR SCHOOL

3rd September 2026

Dear Year 3 Parents,

Year 3 Welcome Letter

Firstly, let me start the year with a very warm welcome to the Junior School. I hope that you and your child have had an enjoyable summer and are now ready for this new adventure to begin!

In Year 3, we very much like to work alongside you to ensure a smooth transition and your child's continued happiness in school. It was lovely to be able to meet so many of you at our open evening back in July and to spend the day with your child before the summer. The Year 3 team are all very excited about getting to know your child properly over the next few weeks.

The Year 3 team consists of:

Class	Teacher
3BR	Miss Gemma Blacktop (gblacktop@rosegreenjunior.co.uk) Year 3 Leader, (Mon-Thurs) **&** Mrs Lucy Roots (lroots@rosegreenjunior.co.uk) (Thurs-Fri)
3FH	Mrs Katie Fearnley (kfearnley@rosegreenjunior.co.uk) (Mon – Wed & ½ day Thurs) **&** Miss Abbeygail Longhurst (alonghurst@rosegreenjunior.co.uk) (½ day Thurs & Fri)
3AL	Mrs Becky Homer (bhomer@rosegreenjunior.co.uk) (Mon – Fri)

Communication is important to us and should you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to speak initially with your child's class teacher or via their email. It is much easier for teachers to talk to parents at the end of the day rather than the beginning.

Urgent information that needs to be given to teachers at the beginning of the day can be emailed to the school office. Although teachers do check their emails daily, this may not be until later in the school day. For this reason, please ensure any urgent information is communicated via the school office.

Informal Drop-in/Meet the Teacher

We would like to give an opportunity for parents to visit your child's classroom and meet your child's teacher on an informal basis. This will be immediately after school on Friday 4th September, 3:10-3.30pm.

...cont'd

The Year Ahead

We have an exciting year planned for your child in which they will have many great experiences. These include going on Arctic adventures, getting hands on in the Stone Age, digging for Roman artefacts, exploring the oceans, and designing and making their own healthy salad dish.

Over the next few weeks, we will send out letters which inform you of the systems we have in place. Our school letters are sent home via email using your contact details that we hold on our School Information Management System (Arbor); however, do speak to the school office if you would prefer paper copies.

Reading

Reading is a really important skill and supports all other areas of the curriculum, particularly writing. We ask that your child reads every day at home, with an adult, ideally for 15 minutes and record this in your child's Reading Diary. We will carefully assess your child's reading over the first two weeks and provide them with a reading book based on their reading ability. This takes into consideration their ability to decode words, recognise sight words, their fluency, expression and comprehension.

Children will initially come home with a book based on their decoding ability and then over the following weeks their book/reading level may change to take their comprehension ability into greater consideration. Please bear with us whilst we undertake our assessments.

In order to encourage reading aloud at home, to an adult, we reward children with badges once they have completed a certain number of reads. More information will follow on all of the above.

Homework and Spelling

At Rose Green Junior School, we set maths and spelling homework online. Your child will receive their login information shortly. If it is difficult for your child to access online learning at home, please inform your child's class teacher as soon as possible. We also set SPaG homework using the CPG homework books. The class teacher will go through the homework in class each week.

In school, we teach regular spelling lessons which look at specific patterns and rules. Your child will be given weekly spellings to practise which link to their in-class learning. Maths and SPaG homework will link to learning we have been covering in school.

Times Tables

Times tables are an important skill to master. In Year 3, we will be practising times tables regularly and would encourage you to do the same at home. We use an online programme called Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS), which your child will also receive a password for shortly. Once they have this, they can play online at home. Ideally, they should play for at least 5 minutes per day.

PE Kits are to be worn to school on PE days: **Monday** and **Wednesday**

- **No PE Kits to be worn during the first week of term in September**.
- PE kits to be worn from week beginning Monday 7th September.

The welcome pack you received prior to the summer holidays contains lots of information about Year 3. The school website also contains a considerable amount of information, which you may find helpful, including copies of all letters.

...cont'd

I would also recommend you visit our school Facebook Page where there are regular updates, reminders and photographs. If you do not have a Facebook account, you can sign up simply to view our school page.

One final reminder, if you have not yet returned the forms from the Welcome Pack, please can you complete these as soon as possible as they do contain vital information that we urgently require.

We really appreciate your ongoing support. If you have questions or queries please do not hesitate to either make an appointment with your class teacher, or pop in and see us; we are here to help!

We look forward to working with you and your child this year.

Yours sincerely,

Miss G Blacktop

Miss Gemma Blacktop
Year 3 Leader

YEAR 3 TOPIC OVERVIEW 2026-2027

	Autumn 1	Autumn 2	Spring 1	Spring 2	Summer 1	Summer 2
Topic	Journeys	Blue Abyss	Frozen Planet	This is the tree	Stone Age to Iron Age	Romans in Britain
Events during the topic	First Aid Workshop		Arctic Explorer Day to launch topic		RNLI Visit	Butser Ancient Farm Trip (cost involved)