

Thank you for sending us so many thoughtful and interesting questions for us to answer. We've done our best to answer as many as them as fully as possible, but if your question hasn't been answered below or you think of something else you would like to ask us – write it down and either ask us in person in our virtual meetings together or ask your adult to email it into the school office.

Will we get to virtually meet and get to know meet the Year 3 teachers before September?

Yes - We can't wait to virtually meet you all after hearing so many lovely things about you from your Year 2 teachers.

Will I have lessons at my new school straight away or will I have the chance to get to know my new teacher first? What will we do in our first week?

When we come back to school, you will have lots of fun in the first few days of settling in and doing lots of getting to know you activities in your new class with your new teacher.

What kind of things will we be doing in PE lessons?

We love sport at Firside and we are very lucky to have two sports lessons each week! The first is a PE lesson with Miss Bussey (one of the Year 3 teachers) and Miss Hall our specialist sports teaching assistant. In this session, we work on developing lots of different skills e.g. throwing and catching. We work to achieve our own personal best and to better this each week and we then use the skills that we are learning in our PE lessons to play a game each week. The second is an outdoors Games lesson run by the CSF coaches where you will get to try out and play many exciting sports like netball and football.

Do all of the children have their playtime at the same time? I am asking because if I am in a different class to some of my friends will I still get to play with them?

All the Year 3 classes have their play and lunchtimes together each day so even if you aren't in the same class as some of your friends you will still get to have lunch and play together throughout the day.

Do we get lockers? Where do we keep our stuff? When we start will we need to bring stationery?

Yes, everyone will be given a locker (in the cloakroom) and a tray (in your classroom) to help you keep your belongings organised and tidy. Don't forget to ask your adults to make sure that everything you're bringing to school is named.

You won't need to bring any of your own stationery, as we don't allow pencil cases out on desks as we find they can sometimes distract us from our learning.

Your teacher will provide you with all of the equipment you will need. However, some children like to bring their own pencil colours/felt tips for personal use, to keep in their tray.

Do we use iPads in class to help with learning?

We don't currently have iPads at Firside, but we do have a recently refurbished computing suite as well as two trolleys of new laptops available for us to use to help us with our learning.

What is the name of the head teacher? Who are the Year 3 teachers?

Our headteacher is called Mrs Robinson. The teachers in Year 3 are called Miss Bussey, Mr Adams and Miss Hill, who is the Head of Year 3.

Do they do really hard maths questions in Year 3?

We love a challenge at Firside (which can include tricky maths questions) as we think it helps us develop into better learners, but don't worry if you are finding a task too tricky your teacher will be able to help you out.

How long is playtime and lunchtime?

Playtime is 15 minutes long and lunchtime is about an hour. So plenty of time to have lots of fun outside!

Is it scary at Firside and do we get to do any art?

We have a Creative Arts lesson each week and we don't think Firside is scary! But we understand that some of you are feeling a little bit worried about starting a new school, especially after being away from school for so long. Don't worry, the Year 3 teachers will look after you and we can't wait to meet you all properly when school starts up again.

I'm worried about where to go on my first day as we won't be able to have any transition days in school.

Don't worry the Year 3 teachers will be on the playground on the first day to meet you and guide you to where you need to be.

Will I be with some of my friends in my new class?

We hope so as I know that your Year 2 teachers have been working really hard to create the class lists for Year 3. Remember even if you aren't in a class with your best friend you will still get to see them at play and lunchtimes.

Is the food nice and do you have a big playground?

We think so! One of our favourite school meals is the Christmas Lunch – we really love the sausages and turkey!

Our playground is quite big and there is lots of green space around the school (when the weather permits) as well as a designated quiet area for you to enjoy.

Are there any science clubs in the school where we can grow fish or worms?

There aren't currently any science clubs running in school, but we have some fantastic things planned for our Science lessons and last year we even created our own wormeries to study in class!

What after school activities are on offer?

This year we had an afterschool club, CSF football club, the Rock Notes singing group and a Crocodile Theatre Company session to name a few! These can change from year to year – so when you start Firside we can tell you all about what will be running in the autumn term.

Which topics will we cover in Year 3?

We cover many exciting topics during in Year 3 and we like to link our learning in History or Geography to the book we are reading in our English lessons. In September, we are hoping to begin the year learning all about the Stone Age...

Will I be able to continue piano lessons at Firside with Maxine Walker?

Hopefully – I've spoken to Mrs McCash who teaches our weekly whole class music lessons and she is going to email Maxine to ask about availability as she currently teaches the piano to a number of children at Firside.

I remember there being a fish tank in one of the classrooms. The tank didn't have any fish in and the teacher said they were on holiday - Are they still on holiday?

They are now on an extended holiday as they now live with Mrs Latimer full-time!

