



Autumn Curriculum Newsletter – Year 3

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome to Year 3 and Key Stage 2! We are so looking forward to getting to know everyone. We hope you find the information in this newsletter useful.

This year, 3T will be working with Miss Thackrah and Ms Hill.

3FM will be working with Mrs Maskill (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Fritz (Wednesday-Friday), and Mrs Allison.

Many thanks,

Mrs Maskill, Mrs Fritz and Miss Thackrah

Homework

Reading: Year 3 children are expected to read for 20 mins per night. Books are due in on **Monday** and will be sent out again on **Wednesday**. Please ensure that either you or your child has written in their reading diary and recorded which pages have been read each night or if any other books have been read. We encourage you to listen to your child read at least some of their book.

Spellings: Children will be given a set of spellings each **Friday** to be practised. These will be on Seesaw. We will be using the spellings in many different ways throughout the week to aid learning. The children will be tested in school the following **Thursday**. These results will not be sent home.

Homework: This will be set on a **Friday** to be completed by the following **Tuesday**. This task should take about 20 minutes and is uploaded on Seesaw. There will be a balance of English, Maths and Topic work throughout the year. We also encourage your children to access Times Tables Rock Stars at home. A Times Table test will be given in school on **Friday**.

Important Days

Monday

Return reading books to school

Tuesday

3T and 3FM P.E.

Homework due on Seesaw

Wednesday

Reading books will be sent home

Thursday

3T and 3FM P.E.

Spelling test in school

Friday

Times Table Test in School

New homework and Spellings available on Seesaw

Homework set

Important Dates

Thursday 28th September - Curriculum info for parents, 3.45-4.30pm

Wednesday 4th October – 'Watch us learn' 9.05-9.35am

Friday, 6th October and Monday, 9th October – Training Days

Wednesday and Thursday, 18th and 19th October – Parent Consultations

Friday, 27th October 3.30pm – School finished for half term

Monday, 6th November 8.55am – School opens

Wednesday, 8th November – Pumpkin Disco

Friday, 1st December 2023 – Training Day

Wednesday, 6th December – Christmas fayre pm

Thursday 7th December – Book Look 3.30-4.00pm

Tuesday, 14th November – Armley Mills trip for both classes

ENGLISH

This term, we will be learning about story settings, newspaper reports, fables, and poetry (haikus). To support this, we will learn about noun phrases, conjunctions, adverbs, prepositions, and the present perfect tense. We will also start learning the Year 3 common exception words. We will be working with the novels, *The Lion, The Witch and The Wardrobe* and *The Secret Garden*.

ART / D.T.

We will be drawing and painting our own Victorian portraits, learning about William Morris and printing, and making sewn Victorian decorations.

SCIENCE

We will be learning about the different forces that can affect movement, including magnetic forces. We will also learn about light and dark and reflection.

MUSIC

The children will be focusing on learning how to play the ukulele this term. We will learn how to play the C, F and Am chords and begin to combine them to play songs. We will also be composing a piece of percussion music based on a Victorian mill.

COMPUTING

This term, we will be using Scratch to program a music machine and using Microsoft Word to present information, including bullet points, manual indenting and inserting pictures.

MATHS

Year 3 will be learning about place value, the formal column methods of addition and subtraction and counting in 3s, 4s and 8s. We will also be developing our quick recall of the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. We will be learning how to use multiplication and division to solve mathematical problems. We will be using Times Table Rockstars to support our times tables.

R.E./P.S.H.E.

Year 3 will be learning about creation stories from different religions and cultures and learning about the birth ceremonies of some different religions.

We will be thinking about kindness, our own strengths and challenges, and learning about strong emotions.

HISTORY

Year 3 will be learning about the lives of Victorian children, specifically how the decisions made by people in power affected their lives.

There will be a school trip to Armley Mills.

P.E.

We will be exploring stretching, curling and arching in gymnastics and, in the context of P.E. and sport, learning strategies for coping well and reacting positively with things become difficult.

M.F.L.

This term the children will start to learn French. They will learn the numbers 1-10 and basic greetings, including asking how someone is feeling.

WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Reading with your child on a regular basis and asking them questions about what they have read.
- Helping your child to practise their 2, 3, 4, 5 and 8 and 10 times tables regularly.
- Developing a routine that allows your child to complete their homework, reading, times table and spelling practice.
- Making sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle and a shower-proof jacket every day.
- **Ensuring all possessions are named.**
- Helping your child to access Seesaw and post their work online.
- Ensuring that they have a Victorian costume ready for them to wear on our school trip to Armley Mills.
- Contacting us if there is something you would like to discuss. Please catch us on the playground or email admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk.

Please see the school [website](#) should you require further information about the Year 3 curriculum.

Don't be late through the gate!

School starts at 8.55am. Getting your child to school on time really matters. Arriving late is upsetting for your child and disruptive for the rest of the class.

Being regularly late adds up to a loss of learning time.

- 5 mins late everyday = over 3 days of learning lost every year
- 10 mins late everyday = over 7 days of learning lost every year
- 15 mins late everyday = over 2 weeks of learning lost every year
- 20 mins late everyday = nearly 3 weeks of learning lost every year
- 30 mins late everyday = over 4 weeks of learning lost every year



Safeguarding and Child Protection

For any child protection issues please contact Mr Feeley, Mrs Bowker, Mrs McVeigh or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with. Mrs McVeigh is the school SENDCo and can help you with any questions or concerns.

Please contact admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk should you wish to speak to us.