



# Spring Curriculum Newsletter – Year 3

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back to the Spring term! The children had a great first term in Year 3 and settled brilliantly into Key Stage 2. We are looking forward to an exciting term of more learning.

This term, 3T will be continued to be supported by Ms Hill, and 3FM will be supported by Mrs Allison. 3T are also lucky enough to have a trainee teacher working with us, called Ms Airton.

Please remember that the children should have their P.E. kits in school. This will include clothes suitable for indoor and outdoor P.E., including a change of shoes.

Many thanks,

Mrs Fritz, Mrs Maskill 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 you or your child have 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 regularly.

**Spellings:** Children will be given a set of spellings each Friday to be brought home and 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.

**Seesaw homework:** This will be set on a Friday to be completed by Tuesday. This task should take about 20 minutes and is uploaded online. 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.

Tuesday

3T and 3FM P.E.

Homework due in 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

## Important Dates

31<sup>st</sup> January – 3T class assembly  
 1<sup>st</sup> February - Harmony and diversity breakfast in the hall  
 6<sup>th</sup> February – Watch us learn (9.00am)  
 9<sup>th</sup> February - Finish for half term  
 19<sup>th</sup> February - School opens  
 23<sup>rd</sup> February – PTA quiz for parents  
 28<sup>th</sup> February – 3FM class assembly  
 7<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day  
 7<sup>th</sup> March - Harmony and diversity breakfast  
 11<sup>th</sup> March – NSPCC Online Safety Workshop 2.15-3.15pm in the hall  
 12-15<sup>th</sup> March - Scholastic book fair after school  
 20<sup>th</sup> March – Year 3 Spring production  
 27<sup>th</sup> / 28<sup>th</sup> March - Parents Evenings  
 28<sup>th</sup> March – Finish for Easter!

### ENGLISH

This term, we will be writing Egyptian fairy tales and a piece of historical fiction based on Howard Carter's excavation of Tutankhamun's tomb. We will be recapping conjunctions and noun phrases, and applying our knowledge of the present perfect as well as adverbs and prepositions.

### SCIENCE

We will be learning about the parts of a plant and their function. We will also be learning about rocks and soils in our local area.

### ART / DT

We will be making our own Egyptian sarcophagus toy using a pneumatic system and exploring ancient Egyptian art through sculpture, painting and drawing.

### MUSIC

The children will be continuing to learn how to play the ukulele this term. We will learn how to play simple chords and begin to combine them to play songs. We will also be performing the play of Joseph which involves lots of singing!

### COMPUTING

This term, we will be using Scratch to program a game with a car that moves around a track, and creating an Egyptian animation.

### MATHS

Year 3 will be learning how to multiply 2-digit and 1-digit numbers, using a formal column method. We will also be learning how to divide these numbers. We will learn about perimeter and begin our learning on fractions. We will be learning how to make 1, as well as identifying fractions of shapes and amounts.

### HISTORY / GEOGRAPHY

Year 3 will be learning about the ancient civilization of ancient Egypt. We will learn about the Nile, mummification, Egyptian Gods, communication and art.

### RE

Year 3 will be learning about the cultural beliefs, festivals and practices of the Jewish community.

### PE

We will be creating an Egyptian dance based on hieroglyphs and practising throwing and catching as well as balancing. We will also be exploring symmetry and asymmetry in gymnastics.

### MFL

This term the children will continue their weekly French lessons. We are learning how to say the names of instruments in French as well as say, "I am able to..." and "I know how to..."

### WAYS YOU CAN HELP AT HOME

- Reading with your child on a regular basis and asking them questions about what they have read, particularly questions that allow them to give more detailed answers.
- Helping your child to practise their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables regularly.
- Making sure your child remembers to bring a water bottle every day.
- Ensuring all clothes are named, including P.E. kits.
- Helping your child to access Seesaw and post their work online.

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 or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

Mrs Dalgleish is the school SENDCo and can help you with any questions or concerns.

Please contact [admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk](mailto:admin@highfield.leeds.sch.uk) should you wish to speak to us.