



# 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 Mrs Hill.

3FL will be working with Mrs Lupton-Walker (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Fritz (Wednesday-Friday), and Mrs Allison.

Many thanks,

Mrs Lupton-Walker, 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 **Friday**. 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

### Friday

Times Table Test in school

Spelling Test in school

New homework and spellings available on Seesaw

## Important Dates

Thursday, 26<sup>th</sup> September – Mr Brassil's Pedagogy Parents' Evening

Monday, 30<sup>th</sup> September – Flu Vaccines

Wednesday, 9<sup>th</sup> October – Watch Us Learn

Monday, 14<sup>th</sup> October – Armley Mills trip for both classes

Friday, 18<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photographs

Tuesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> and Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> – Parent/Teacher consultations

Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> November – Pumpkin Party

Wednesday, 20<sup>th</sup> November – 3T Sharing Assembly

Wednesday, 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Fair

Thursday, 5<sup>th</sup> December – Book Look

Friday 12<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas dinner and Christmas jumper day

Tuesday, 17<sup>th</sup> and Wednesday, 18<sup>th</sup> December – Presents for Parents

Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party afternoon

## 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.

## 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.

## ART / D.T.

We will be drawing and painting our own Victorian portraits, and making sewn Victorian decorations.

## 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.

## 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.

## 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 learn about strong emotions.

## 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 possession 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](mailto: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 Dalglish or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

Mrs Dalglish 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.