



# 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 Hansrani.

3FM will be working with Mrs Lupton-Walker (Monday-Wednesday), Mrs Fritz (Wednesday-Friday), Mrs Galbraith, 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 **Friday**. 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 3FL P.E.

### Wednesday

Reading books will be sent home

### Thursday

### Friday

Times Table Test in School

New homework and Spellings available on Seesaw

Spellings and Times Tables tested in school

**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, 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.

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

**HISTORY/GEOGRAPHY**

History - Year 3 will be learning the lives of Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age people.

Geography – Year 3 will be learning about food miles and where chocolate comes from.

**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.
  
- 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.

## Important Dates

Tuesday, 2<sup>nd</sup> September - School Starts

Tuesday, 30<sup>th</sup> September – Year 3 Curriculum Meeting

Wednesday, 1<sup>st</sup> October – Watch Us Learn

Thursday, 16<sup>th</sup> October – Individual Photographs

Monday, 20<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 Stone Age trip to Herd Farm

Tuesday, 21<sup>st</sup> October – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Wednesday, 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Pumpkin Parties

Thursday, 23<sup>rd</sup> October – Parent/Teacher Consultations

Friday, 25<sup>th</sup> October – School Closes for Half Term

Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October – School Opens

Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> October – Firework Event

Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> November – Odd Socks Day

Friday, 28<sup>th</sup> November – Training Day – School closed for children

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Dinner and Christmas Jumper day

Thursday, 4<sup>th</sup> December – Book Look

Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> December – Christmas Party Day

Friday, 12<sup>th</sup> December – NHS Flu Vaccinations

Tuesday, 16<sup>th</sup> December – Presents for Parents

Wednesday, 17<sup>th</sup> December – Carol Service at St. John's Church

Friday, 19<sup>th</sup> December – School closes for Christmas

### Safeguarding and Child Protection

For any child protection issues please contact Mr Feeley, Mrs Bowker, Mr Brassil, Mrs Dalgliesh or Mrs Calvert and we will support you with any concerns or sensitive issues you may be dealing with.

Mrs Dalgliesh 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.



### 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