



Dear Parents/Carers and children,

Welcome to Year 3. We hope you all had a fantastic summer break and are feeling refreshed and ready for an exciting new school year.

General Overview of the Term's Learning

Here's a brief overview of what to expect this term in Year 3:

- **English:** Poetry, stories and letter writing. Our guided reading fiction texts are 'The 13-Storey Treehouse' and 'The Iron Man'. We will read poems and non-fiction related to our learning in History, Science and Geography.
- **Maths:** This term's maths curriculum will include Place Value to 100, Addition and Subtraction, and Multiplication and Division strategies.
- **Science:** Pupils will explore the skeletons and diets of 'Animals including Humans' and investigate 'Rocks'.
- **History/Geography:** Exploring the changes during the 'Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age' and 'Earthquakes'.
- **Art/DT:** 'Gestural Drawing' using charcoal and our 'Food' unit in DT focuses on eating seasonally. Please start collecting and freezing some blackberries if you are able to (more information to follow).
- **Music:** Our lessons will focus on 'Playing in a Band': singing and playing instruments.
- **PE:** Pupils will play High-5 Netball and Football outside and focus on Dance and Badminton in the hall.
- **Computing:** This term we will learn about Online Safety and Computing Systems and Networks.
- **RE:** Pupils will consider the questions; 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story', and 'What do Hindus believe God is like?'
- **Lifeskills:** This term we will think about how to 'Keep Healthy' when using medicine; how to 'Keep Safe' by not leaning out of windows; and our 'Relationship' unit focuses on 'Touch'.
- **French:** We are excited to introduce French to Year 3. We will begin with Phonetics before moving onto Animals.

PE Day

Physical activity is a vital part of our students' development. PE day for Year 3 will be on **Tuesdays and Thursdays**. Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE kit on these days, ready to participate in a variety of sports activities.

Home learning

This year we are focusing on reading as our required priority homework. Therefore, we request that all children read their school reading book every night for about 20 minutes and get their reading records signed by a parent/carer/older sibling. Further information on this will be shared at our open afternoon on phonics and reading. We will be sending home spellings each Friday for children to practise from Reception-Year 6, which will be tested weekly. We will also be sending home log-ins for Times Tables Rock Stars and Maths Whizz for children from Y2-Y6 to continue their maths learning at home. Please note that the spellings and maths home learning will help your child consolidate their in-school learning, however, it is not mandatory.

Healthy Snacks and Hydration

We strongly encourage children to bring healthy snacks for break time that will keep them energised and focused throughout the school day. In addition, it is important that children bring a water bottle to school each day. We kindly request that only water is provided in these bottles. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out, or get in contact with the school office.

Kind regards,

Mrs Hayden & Mr Rigg
Year 3 Teachers