



Welcome back Year 3!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Easter break. We are looking forward to another exciting term with the children.

If at any time during the year you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact your child's class teacher or myself. The year group email address is year3@lps.hereford.sch.uk

Please check our year group pages on the school website for important information, letters and photographs.

Year 3

Year 3 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Stephenson - SENCO

Miss Evans and Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Maths Coordinators

3H – Miss Hawthorn

Supported by Mrs Seabourne, Mrs Davies and Mrs Dorn

(PPA cover: Mrs Oakley will teach every other Tuesday)

3S – Miss Salter

Supported by Miss Burt and Mrs Dorn

(PPA cover: Mrs Oakley will teach every other Monday)

Miss Cunnington

Supported by Mrs Williams and Mrs Dorn

PPA cover: Mrs Mintoff

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: We will be learning and completing some exciting pieces of writing using the genres explanation texts, alternative fairy tales and tragedy.

Maths: The children will be learning about Fractions, Statistics, Shape and completing times table quizzes on the 3s, 4s and 8s.

Science: We will be looking at Plants and what they need to grow healthily during the Summer term.

Topic: Our topic question for this term is:

Why doesn't Leominster have a rainforest?

R.E: Our R.E questions for this term are:

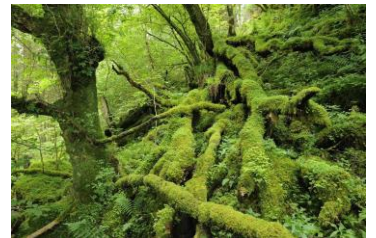
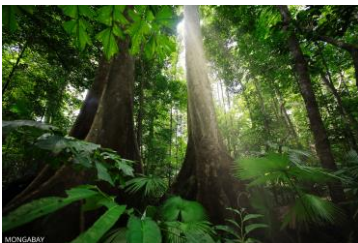
Summer 1: What kind of world did Jesus want?

Summer 2: How and why do religious and non-religious people try to make the world a better place?

P.E: The children will be taking part in Tennis and Hockey in our outdoor sessions.

Arts: The children will be learning about cooking and nutrition with food in our Design and Technology lessons and continuing with our Charanga sessions in music, looking at Mamma Mia.

PSHE: The children will be learning about stereotypes and what is important to them in the unit 'What I like'.



Homework

Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home - recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly (parent comments/signature at least three times a week please).

Children should read their accelerated reading book as much as possible but can also read other books that they enjoy if they wish to do so.

It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or times tables they may need to learn.

Each half term we will also set a task around our current topic.

Please ask your children if they have any homework and encourage them to complete it – we greatly value your support in this area.

Reading

We will soon be assessing your child's reading and phonic knowledge.



Children should be bringing their book bag to school every day, which will soon include their reading book and reading journal.

The books will be changed regularly and we will be able to read any comments you have made in their journals.

Please read as often as possible with your children.

Although we do not comment on your child's reading in their journal, please be assured we do listen to your child read at least once a week.

Physical Education (P.E.)

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they wear their P.E. uniform on their P.E. days.



Year 3 have P.E. on the following days:

3H – Thursday (Outdoor)

3S – Thursday (Outdoor)

3C- Friday (Outdoors)



Reminders

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school **at all times!**



As many of you already know, we are a healthy eating school and we would like to remind you that children should be bringing in healthy packed lunches and snacks. Now the children are in Year 3 they are NOT provided with fruit. Please feel free to send in a piece of fruit for your child to eat at break time, if you wish.



It is also very important children have a water bottle in school – we strongly encourage children to drink plenty of water throughout the day. Water helps keep them hydrated but also improves their levels of concentration and learning.



It is important to ensure all items of clothing are clearly labelled with your child's name and class. This includes coats and lunch-bags.

Special Events

As part of our new Geography unit, the children will be taking part in an exciting rainforest workshop in school. They will have the opportunity to learn about life in the rainforest, look at invertebrates that live in the rainforest and even have the chance to try some Amerindian face/arm painting!

We would like to invite the parents in for a special sports afternoon. The children and adults will have the opportunity to take part in different sporty activities together, so make sure to bring your trainers!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Monday 22 nd April	Earth day- wear green
Half Term	
Monday 3 rd June	Rainforest workshop
Monday 10 th June	French day
Tuesday 11 th June	Creation project exhibition
Thursday 20 th June	Year 3 Trip to the Cotswold wildlife park
Wednesday 3 rd July	Sports parental engagement

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)