



YEAR 3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a fabulous summer. The children all seem to have enjoyed their new start and are already beginning to settle well into their new classes. We have lots of changes this year and we would like to take this opportunity to outline some routines and plans for the year.

The year 3 team consists of: Miss Hawthorn (3H), Miss Brookes (3B) and Miss Cunnington (3C). Mrs Bromhall, Mrs Turner and Miss Pollard will also be teaching in year 3 on various days. Our teaching assistants in year 3 are Mrs Dorn and Mrs Newman. Our SEN teachers are Mrs Watts and Mrs Hough. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

If at any time during the year your child has any worries or concerns, please encourage them to see their class teacher or myself. We will be more than happy to listen and try to help. If you would like to discuss any issues relating to your child, please do not hesitate to pop in to see me or any of the year 3 teachers.

Curriculum and topic this term:



English: Pupils will begin the year by exploring and writing **fables**. They will then study **instructions** and practise writing their own instructions on a given subject. They will also explore the features of **non-chronological reports**.

Maths: In mathematics this term we will be following the objectives outlined in the National Curriculum.

Science: Our science topics for this term are '**Animals including Humans**' and '**Forces**'. The children will learn that animals, including humans, need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food. They will recognise that humans and other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. Pupils will also spend some time exploring plants; describing functions and requirements of plants and the life cycle of flowering plants. When learning about forces, the children will compare how different things move on different surfaces and learn all about magnets.

Topic: Our topic title for this term is '**Where in the world is Leominster?**' Within this topic the children will look at Europe and countries within the UK.

Art: In art the children will be studying the work of **Vincent Van Gogh**.

French: In French this term the focus will be on listening to key vocabulary, learning how to greet people and practising general conversational French.

R.E: For the autumn term year 3 pupils will be exploring the question: '**What do different people believe about God?**'

Computing: The focus in computing this term will be based around E-safety; teaching pupils how to stay safe online.

DT: In DT this term the children will be designing, making and evaluating their very own moveable story books.

Special Events

Pedestrian Training



This term pupils will have the opportunity to undertake some pedestrian training alongside Herefordshire's road safety officer. The aim of the training is to improve your child's pedestrian safety through practical training at the kerbside. The training will take place on the following dates: **Wednesday 27th September, Thursday 28th September and Wednesday 4th October**. If you would like your child to be a part of this training then you must **sign and return the consent form** as soon as possible.

Harvest

As Year 3 are leading our Harvest service this year, we would like to invite Year 3 parents, family and friends to come in and watch the children perform their various acts. Our Harvest festival will be **on Friday 6th October at 2.30pm.**



Parental Engagement

On **Thursday 16th November**, Year 3 would like to invite parents, family and friends in for a maths morning. The session will start @ 9am and finish at 9.45am. We look forward to seeing you.

Local History Walk

In the second half of the autumn term, Year 3 pupils will be going on a local history walk. We will inform you of the date of this closer to the time.

Reminders

Please help us to keep your children fit and healthy by ensuring that they have the proper games and PE kit in school at all times. Children being excused from physical education for a medical reason should bring a note.



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



Lost property:

Please, please, please label all items that children bring to school. We make every effort to re-unite children with their jumpers and coats etc..., but this is made so much easier when items are labelled. Thank you in advance.



As many of you already know, we are a **healthy eating school** and we would like to remind you that children should only bring in fruit to eat at break times. 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.



Homework



Please encourage your children to read as much as possible at home, recording reading comments in their reading journals regularly (at least 3 times a week). Children should read their stage books Monday to Thursday then they can read a book of their choice over the weekend. It is also vitally important that you support your children with any spellings or multiplication tables they may need to learn. Each term we will also set the children a project based on our topic. Please ask your children if they have any homework and give them every encouragement to do it – we greatly value your support in this area.

Meet and Greet



On **Thursday 7th September** parents/guardians are invited to a 'Meet and Greet' session in school between **3.30pm – 4.30pm**. During the 'Meet and Greet' you will be informed of any activities and trips that your child has to look forward to this year; you will be able to meet your child's teacher(s) and have the opportunity to see your child's new classroom. Meet and Greet sessions this year will take place in your child's new classroom. It would be great if you could make this session and the year 3 team look forward to meeting you!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 7 th September	Meet and Greet @ 3.30pm
Wednesday 27 th September Thursday 28 th September Wednesday 4 th October	Pedestrian Training
Friday 6 th October	Harvest – Year 3 Parents, family and friends invited from 2.30pm.
Half Term	
Wednesday 1 st November Thursday 2 nd November	Parents' Evening
Thursday 16 th November	Parental Engagement – Maths Morning. Parents, family and friends invited from 9am – 9.45am.
Friday 1 st December	KS2 Christmas craft morning

We look forward to seeing you at the meet and greet.

Yours sincerely
Miss S Cartwright

(Assistant Head Years 3 and 4)

