



YEAR 3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to another school year; we hope you have all had a wonderful summer break. The children all appear to have enjoyed their first few days and are beginning to settle well into their new classes and routines.

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 a member of the year 3 team. You can also contact us on our year group email address: 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 – Deputy Headteacher/KS1 Assistant Head

Mrs Goode – KS1 SENCO

3CH – Miss Hawthorn and Miss Cunnington

(Miss Murray will be covering Miss Hawthorn's maternity leave until after Christmas)

Supported by Mrs Martin and Miss Milner

PPA cover: Miss Cunnington

3NS – Miss Nash and Mrs Styles

Supported by Mrs Cole

PPA cover: Miss Arnold and Miss Lloyd

3B – Mr Barnbrook

Supported by Mr McShane, Miss Collins and Miss Kemble-Davis

PPA cover: Mrs Styles

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: For the first half term, our focus will be punctuation and grammar. In the second half term, the children will have a go at writing a non-chronological report.

Maths: The children will be learning about Place Value using 3-digit numbers and adding and subtracting using mental and formal methods.

Science: In the first half-term we will be looking at 'Forces and Magnets' and in the second Autumn half-term we will be learning about 'Animals including Humans'.

Topic: Our topic questions for this term are:

Autumn 1: Would you have fought for the Red Rose or the White Rose at the Battle of Mortimer's Cross?

Autumn 2: Would you rather live in Herefordshire or London?

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

Autumn 1: What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?

Autumn 2: How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?

P.E: The children will be taking part in Orienteering for our outdoor game sessions and gymnastics for our inside sessions.

Computing: The children will be completing activities related to E-Safety.

Art: The children will be learning about different artists who have painted Herefordshire and London.

PSHE: The children will be learning about how to stay safe online.

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 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 reading book and reading journal to school every day.

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 bring their P.E. uniform in on their P.E. days. P.E uniform can be kept in school until the end of half term.



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

3CH – Wednesdays

3NS - Thursdays

3B – Tuesdays



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.

We have lots of events and parental engagement activities planned for this term. We have outlined them below. More information including dates and times will follow soon.

Special Events

Harvest Festival will take place and will be a celebration of giving and sharing in our community through a mix of storytelling and song.

During December we will be asking children and parents to indulge in their creative side as we take part in a range of festive craft. Get ready for lots of glitter and sparkle!

Parental Engagement

We would also like to invite you to a parental engagement on Accelerator Reader. This will be an opportunity for you to ask any questions you may have about the reading programme in KS2.

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Tuesday 16 th September	3B Forest School
Wednesday 24 th September	3B Forest School
Monday 29 th September	Accelerator Reader parental engagement 3.20pm
Wednesday 8 th October	Harvest Festival
Tuesday 14 th October	3NS Forest School
Tuesday 21 st October	3NS Forest School
Wednesday 22 nd October	Parents Evening (3:45 – 5:30)
Thursday 23 rd October	Parents Evening (5:00 – 7:00)
Half Term (Monday 27th October – Friday 31st October)	
Monday 3 rd and Tuesday 4 th November	Pedestrian Training
Wednesday 5 th November	3CH Forest School
Wednesday 5 th November	Flu Vaccines
Thursday 11 th December	Winter Crafts, Christmas Jumper Day, Secret Santa
Thursday 18th December	End of term

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 Team

