



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 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 Watts - SENCO

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

3H – Miss Hawthorn

Supported by Mrs Newman

(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd will teach every other Wednesday)

3S – Miss Hollis

Supported by Mrs Dorn

(PPA and ECT cover: Miss Lloyd will teach every Tuesday)

2/30 – Mrs Oakley

Supported by Mr. Cole and Miss Davies

(PPA cover: Miss Lloyd will teach every other Wednesday)

Curriculum and topic this term:

English: We will be learning and completing some exciting pieces of writing using the genres Fables, Instructions and Non-Chronological Reports.

Maths: The children will be learning about Place Value using 3-digit numbers, telling the time to 1 minute and completing Times Table Rock Star quizzes on the 2s, 5s and 10s.

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

Topic: Our topic questions for this term are:

Autumn 1: If the Queen visited Leominster for the day, what would you most like to ask her?

Autumn 2: Has Leominster always been the same?

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 Coding and E-Safety.

Music: We will be learning about rhythm and pulse, using our hands, musical instruments and voices.

Arts: The children will be learning about William Morris and have a go at creating their own patterns in his style.

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 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) and Friday (Indoor)

3S – Thursday (Outdoor) and Friday (Indoor)



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

Another special event being held this term is Grandparents day. We are celebrating Grandparents day by inviting them into school to complete some wonderful activities with us.

Harvest Festival will take place and will be a celebration of giving and sharing in our community through a mix of poetry, art 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 are hopeful that within the next few weeks we will be able to deliver a parental engagement with a focus on Maths. This will take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children will learn maths skills and the resources they'll be using.

Later on, in the term there will be another parental engagement with a focus of phonics and reading. This will also take place after school and will be an opportunity for you to see how the children use and apply phonic skills and an opportunity for the children to share their favourite books with you

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 7 th October	Individual photos
Wednesday 20 th October	Parent/Carer evening
Thursday 21 st October	Parent/Carer evening
Friday 22 nd October	Last day of term
Half Term (Monday 25th – Friday 29th October)	
Monday 1 st November	Back to school
Friday 10 th December	Christmas jumper day
Friday 17 th December	Last day of term

Yours sincerely
The Year 3 Team
Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)