



Happy New Year to Year 3!

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you all had a wonderful Christmas break and we wish you a very Happy New Year. 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 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 Stories with Historical settings, holiday brochures and explanation texts.

Maths: The children will be learning about money, multiplication and division and completing Times Table Rock Star quizzes on the 3s, 4s and 8s.

Science: In the first half-term we will be looking at Light and Rocks and Soils in the second Spring half-term.

Topic: Our topic question for this term is:

Would you rather live in the Stone Age or the Iron Age?

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

Spring 1: What is it like to follow God?

Spring 2: How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?

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

Arts: The children will be creating pieces of art inspired by our topic on the Stone Age, using a range of materials and techniques.

PSHE: The children will be learning about being part of a community and the importance of exercise for our bodies and minds.



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.

Special Events

The children will take part in Stone Age themed day in school.

They will be able to have a go at a range of activities including art inspired by cave painting, den building in our Forest school area and making Stone Age pots out of clay!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 17 th February	Stone Age Day
Half Term (Monday 21st – Friday 25th February)	
Thursday 3 rd March	World book day
14 th -18 th March	Science week
Wednesday 30 th March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 31 st March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 7 th April	Last day of term

Yours sincerely

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)