



YEAR 3 AUTUMN NEWSLETTER

A Warm Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to year 3!

A very warm welcome to all our children and parents - we hope that your children will have a happy and successful year at Leominster Primary School. The year 3 team consists of: Miss Cunnington (3C), Mr Grant (3G), Miss Brookes/Mrs Thomas (3BT) and Miss Lloyd. Our teaching assistants in year 3 are: Mrs Watkins and Mrs Dorn. Our aim is to give the children every chance to develop mentally and socially, becoming independent and enthusiastic learners.

School life is very demanding and children cannot cope with it if they are tired. It is very important that they are getting sufficient rest. Children of this age should be in bed ready to sleep by 8.00pm at the latest.

If at any time during the year your child has any worries or concerns, please encourage them to see their class teacher. 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 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. Our main foci for this term will be **Number** and **Place Value**.

Science: Our science topics for this term are '**Animals including Humans**' and '**Forces and Magnets**'. 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 this term '**Has Leominster always been the same?**' is based on our local history. We are thinking about the history of Leominster, visiting Leominster Museum, talking to experts, visiting Broomy Hill and finding out how the town has changed over time. We will use a range of historical resources to supplement our topic. We would appreciate it if you could follow the link below or use the QR code to tell us anything you know/remember about Leominster in the past.

<https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/N9GBDBT>



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 does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?**'

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

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: **Thursday 27th September, Friday 28th September and Thursday 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 12th October at 2.30pm**.

Broomy Hill

On **Thursday 20th September**, year 3 pupils are going to visit Broomy Hill model train centre. The trip links to this half term's topic 'Has Leominster always been the same?' and will provide the children with the opportunity to ride the trains, learn about steam travel and consider how trains have changed Herefordshire.

Local History Walk

In the second half of the autumn term, year 3 plan to go 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!**



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 times tables/division facts they may need to learn. Each term we will also set the children a task around our current 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.

Parental Engagement

We will be holding an interactive times tables workshop on **Monday 12th November, 2.15pm-3.00pm.** During this session, we will introduce and demonstrate strategies for learning 3, 4 and 8 times tables, focusing mainly on 3s. There will be lots of fun activities for you and your child to do together and at the end of the session, you will go home with an exciting times tables pack!

Dates for your Diary

Dates	Events
Thursday 20 th September	Year 3 trip to Broomy Hill
Thursday 27 th September Friday 28 th September Thursday 4 th October	Pedestrian Training
Friday 12 th October	Year 3 Harvest – Parents, family and friends invited @ 2.30pm.
Friday 26 th October	‘Wear what you like day’ in support of the Little Princess Trust
Half Term	
Wednesday 7 th November	Parents’ Evening
Thursday 8 th November	Parents’ Evening
Monday 12 th November	Year 3 Parental Engagement – Times tables workshop – Parents/carers invited @ 2.15pm.
Friday 7 th December	Key Stage 2 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)

