

WELCOME BACK!

Welcome back, everyone! We hope you all had a good holiday and are feeling rested and ready for the year ahead. It is an exciting time as a new Year 3 staff team and we have lots of wonderful things planned for the children in the coming weeks. Just a reminder that Mr Murat will be teaching Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Jackson-Robbins will be teaching Wednesdays, Thursdays and Fridays. We are very pleased to welcome Miss Webb, who will be our full time Teaching Assistant this year.

Autumn Curriculum Overview

Maths:

Throughout Year 3 we will be focusing on improving fluency in Maths, ready for the rest of KS2. We will be following the ‘Herts Essential Maths’ plans. This scheme emphasizes the importance of using physical materials to support mathematical learning, alongside mental and written methods. This term we will cover the following: place value, mental fluency in addition and subtraction, written methods for addition and subtraction, estimation, measures, problem solving, angles, perimeter, parallel lines and 2-D shape.

English:

In English we will be teaching the following areas: traditional tales, recounts, reading strategies, writing and performing free verse, instructions, familiar limericks and play writing. We will have a ‘free writing session’ every week for the children to develop their writing skills, plus additional spelling, comprehension and grammar sessions. Every child will read once a week as part of a group, during a Guided Reading session. Your child will be bringing home a Reading Diary, so we can monitor how much reading is taking place at home and so you can see the reading we do in school. Please keep a record of any reading you do with your child at home. As part of your child’s continuing development, regular reading of a variety of texts at home is extremely beneficial, both individual reading and being read to. In the Year 3 section of the school website you will find a recommended reading list. Children will be given spellings on a Friday, which they will need to learn in preparation for a test the following Friday. Your help with encouraging children to learn their spellings regularly will be greatly appreciated.

Science:

This term our topics will be ‘Forces’ and ‘Rocks & soils’. The children will be developing their curiosity whilst conducting lots of investigations.



Please come to our New To Year 3 Meeting on Friday 9th September at 2.30pm, where we will provide details about the year ahead and give an opportunity to answer any questions that you may have.

Parent/teacher consultations

Consultations will take place on Tuesday 18th October and Thursday 20th October. We look forward to discussing your child’s progress with you at this meeting.



History:

In History we will be studying what life was like in the Stone Age and learning when this took place.

Design and technology/ Art:

Throughout this term our theme will be plants. We will be producing lots of art related to the world of plants, using a range of materials and techniques. In D&T we are going to be looking at textiles and making a cushion with a plant theme.

Music:

We are following the Charanga Scheme of work in music. The children will also be having weekly recorder lessons later in the school year. More information about this will be sent out soon.

Computing:

In Computing we are going to be focusing on programming and bug fixing/problem solving. We will primarily be using Purple Mash, which the children can also access at home. We will also be promoting the importance of E-safety throughout the year.

P.E:

This half term we will be completing football, dance, basketball and gymnastics. We will be doing P.E on **Mondays** and **Wednesdays**. As well as the PE sessions, we will also be doing the Daily Run – which is now 3 laps!

Children will now be changing for P.E. in the classroom so we ask that all P.E. kit be bought into school this week to be kept in class. Please make sure your child has suitable trainers to wear. As the weather cools children can wear an appropriate tracksuit – either a plain and unbranded tracksuit top and bottom, or a Maple school hoodie and suitable leggings/jogging bottoms. No football team or high fashion tracksuits should be worn.

R.E:

This term we will be learning about Christianity and Islam. We will learn about some of the traditions associated with key life events in these religions and also how they pray and worship in these two religions. We will finish the term by learning about Advent and Christmas traditions around the world.

French:

This term there will be a basic introduction to French, including learning the names of animals in French.

HOME STUDY:

Home study will be set **every Friday**. For the Autumn term this will include weekly spellings, times table practice, and 20 minutes daily reading. We encourage you to help your child where necessary. Children will have a homework folder to carry their books and work in to avoid damage.

Please find your child's weekly home learning task on google classroom.

Year 3 Google Classroom code: 7ytlmgj

Uniform:

For health and safety, please make sure all long hair is tied back. **Please make sure all of your child's school uniform is clearly labelled.**

Every child needs a **named water bottle**. This will be sent home every night and should be returned the following day with fresh water.

Healthy snacks:

Now the children are in KS2 they are allowed to bring a snack item into school for morning break. Please could we make you aware that this should be **fresh fruit, vegetables or dried fruit**. Please do not bring in any cereal bars, biscuits or crisps, and absolutely no nut products.

Any more information you would like about the curriculum in Year 3 can be found on the school website: <https://maple.herts.sch.uk/pupils/classrooms/year-3/>

Thank you, for taking the time to read this newsletter. We are looking forward to a busy and exciting term ahead.

Best wishes,

Mr Murat, Mrs Jackson-Robbins and Miss Webb

