



## 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](mailto: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 and Maths Coordinator

Miss Evans – Maths Coordinator

Mrs Stephenson - SENCO

3H – Miss Hawthorn

Supported by Mrs Dorn

(PPA cover: Mrs Oakley will teach every other Tuesday)

3S – Miss Salter

Supported by Mrs Dorn

(PPA cover: Miss Powell will teach every other Tuesday)

3C – Miss Cunnington

Supported by Mrs Dorn

(PPA cover: Mrs Oakley will teach every other Tuesday)

### **Curriculum and topic this term:**

**English:** We will be learning and completing some exciting pieces of writing using the story of The Happy Prince, a non-chronological report on Skeletons and Muscles and completing some lovely poetry on Autumn.

**Maths:** The children will be learning about Place Value using 3-digit numbers, adding and subtracting using mental and formal methods and completing Times Table Rock Star quizzes on the 2s, 5s and 10s.

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

**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 Coding and E-Safety.

**Arts:** 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 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 bring their P.E. uniform in on their P.E. days.



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

3H – Friday (Outside)

3S – Thursday (Outside)

3C – Monday (Outside)



## 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**

The children will be taking part in a Medieval Day at school. They will have the opportunity to take part in activities all about Medieval life. The children can also dress up in Medieval costume. They could be a noble, peasant or even a knight!

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 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.

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
Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> September	Accelerator Reader parental engagement
Friday 6 <sup>th</sup> October	Harvest Festival
	Pedestrian Training
	Medieval Workshop
Wednesday 25 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening (3:45 – 5:30)
Thursday 26 <sup>th</sup> October	Parents Evening (5:00 – 7:00)
<b>Half Term (Monday 30<sup>th</sup> October – Friday 5<sup>th</sup> November)</b>	
Thursday 16 <sup>th</sup> November	Maths workshop parental engagement
	Malvern Hills Trip
Friday 15 <sup>th</sup> December	Christmas Jumper Day, Secret Santa, Christmas crafts
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> December	Last day of term.

Yours

sincerely

The Year 3 Team

Mrs Eckley-Gardner (Assistant Head)

