# LEOMINSTER PRIMARY SCHOOL

# YEAR 3 SPRING NEWSLETTER

# 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.

A huge well done and thank you to all the children who took part in our Reindeer Run. The children fantastic job and we raised a brilliant £3,248. 81.

#### <u>Year 3 Team</u>

Mrs Eckley-Gardner – Assistant Head and English Coordinator

Mrs Stephenson - SENCO

Miss Evans and Mrs Eckley-Gardner– Maths Coordinators

3H – Miss Hawthorn

Supported by Mrs Seabourne, Mrs Davies and Mrs Dorn

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

3S – Miss Salter

Supported by Miss Burt and Mrs Dorn

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

**Miss Cunnington** 

Supported by Mrs Williams and Mrs Dorn

PPA cover: Mrs Mintoff







#### 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, time, multiplication and division and continuing to practice their multiplication table facts.

Science: In the first half-term we will be looking at Rocks and Soils and Light 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 dance based on the story of Matilda by Roald Dahl.

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 – Friday

3S – Friday

3C – Wednesday



# **Reminders**

If your child is **asthmatic** please could you ensure that they have an inhaler, labelled with their name, in school <u>at all times!</u>





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 be taking part in a Stone Age to Iron Age themed day at school. They will have the opportunity to dress up and take part in a range of fun activities.

The children will have the opportunity to visit Think Tank in Birmingham to take part in a range of fun science based activities.

Parents are invited to take part in our Easter Craft afternoon, where there will be some 'egg-cellent' arty fun to enjoy!

## **Dates for your Diary**

Dates	Events
Thursday 1 <sup>st</sup> February	Comprehension Workshop
Half Term (Monday 12 <sup>th</sup> – Friday 16 <sup>th</sup> February)	
ТВС	Think Tank Trip
Wednesday 13 <sup>th</sup> March	Stone Age Day
Wednesday 20 <sup>th</sup> March	Parents/carers evening
Thursday 21 <sup>st</sup> March	Parents/carers evening
	Last Day of Term

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