

Year 3

Autumn 2 Newsletter

Dear Parents and Carers,

I hope you all had a lovely half term! It has been a great first week back with the children in Year 3. I look forward to the run up to Christmas with loads of exciting learning to take place.

English

We will begin the half term by completing our portal stories inspired by the book Stone Age Boy, moving on to writing non-chronological reports. Children will learn how to organise information under subheadings and use paragraphs to structure their writing using formal language.

Children will then learn how to write instructions texts, taking inspiration from 'how to wash a woolly mammoth.' They will learn how to use imperative verbs, and how to write a method in a correct order using numbers.

Individual reading and shared reading will continue, along with spellings and vocabulary lessons.

Maths

Children will build on their knowledge of multiplication and division facts, including the 2, 5, 10, and 4 times tables. We will begin applying this knowledge to written multiplication and division word problems.

We encourage children to access Times Table Rockstars online, which will develop their recall of times tables facts.

Science

Children will be learning about 'Forces and Magnets'. We will work scientifically by looking at how magnets can attract or repel different materials. Children will also carry out tests to compare how objects move on different surfaces, understanding how different forces **affect** objects and movement.

Geography

We will be continuing our topic of 'Our Island home,' where we will continue to learn about key features the United Kingdom and our home-town of Leeds. We will move on from comparing cities to looking at our city map, even making a map of the local area to school.

DT

We will be exploring mechanical structures using pneumatics. Children will discuss a range of ideas on how objects can be moved using compressed air, with syringes and balloons used to demonstrate. We will then be designing our own 'pneumatically powered monster heads'!

Class Teacher

Mrs. Whiting

Year 3 Staff

Mrs. Draper, Miss Conway, Miss Knowles

Monday afternoon Mrs. Tordoff

Tuesday morning – Miss Long

Timetable

P.E* – Monday, Wednesdays

Library – Tuesday

*Children should arrive at school in their PE kit

Spellings

New spellings will be given on a Tuesday, to be learned for a test on the following Tuesday. These are also practiced throughout the week.

Homework

Reading x4 per week

Spelling Sheet to be completed by Friday

Times Table Rockstars x2 per week

Important Dates:

Tuesday 11th November

Pantomime in school

Tuesday 25th November

Autumn Fayre

Wednesday 10th December

Christmas Shows

Friday 19th December

Last day of term

Tuesday 6th January

School opens for Spring term

PE

Monday & Wednesday

Children must wear their **PE kit** to school on PE days. Please ensure your child has the appropriate PE kit as listed below:

- Plain white or blue t-shirt
- Black/blue shorts or leggings, or joggers in colder weather
- Suitable footwear (trainers or outdoor pumps)

Reading

We ask that children read their school reading book or another text that sparks their interest, at least four times each week. For children who are avid readers, we also have a wide range of exciting books in the classroom book corner that children can take home to read.

Children can read either with an adult or independently and must get their home reading record signed by an adult each time they have read. Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school each day and put their book into the basket.

Homework

Children will be given **spellings** on a Tuesday and tested the following Tuesday. Please encourage your child to learn **and practice** their spellings each week. Please note that children do not have to hand in their spelling homework sheet, although it is encouraged.

Homework will be set online via **Times Tables Rockstars**, which is a fun and interactive way for children to develop division and multiplication facts. Children are expected to **practice** their times tables online at least twice each week. They have been given a username and password for this.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to speak with me.

Thank you for your continued support.

[Mrs. Whiting](#)
