

Welcome to Year 3!

I hope you have all had a lovely and relaxing summer break. The Year 3 team are looking forward to getting to know the children over the coming weeks and I am so proud of how brilliantly the children have settled into Key Stage 2 life so far- well done!

I hope you find the information below helpful. Please contact the Year 3 team before or after school if you have any concerns or questions. Alternatively, you can write messages to us in your child's reading record or contact us via email using staff@harris.lancs.sch.uk.

Miss Clayton 😊

English

We will be focusing on the folktale *The Lancashire Giant*, as well as a selection of other folktales, which will prompt our reading and writing for this half-term. Following this, we will be writing a biography about a famous person! 🗣️

Maths

This half-term, Year 3 will be learning about the topics below:

- Place value
- Addition and subtraction
- Length and perimeter
- Statistics

We will also be revisiting our x10, x5 and x2 multiplication facts.

Science

We will be learning about the human body, why we need a skeleton and what our muscles do. Then, we will revisit our knowledge about health and nutrition.

**Guided Reading/Spelling**

The children will have Guided Reading for 30 minutes every day. We will spend time reading a range of different books and texts, exploring vocabulary, making inferences and using evidence to support our thinking. The children will also have a 30-minute spelling session three times a week.

Geography

We will begin our Geography unit by researching Preston and our local areas. Then, we will investigate how our local area has changed over time.

**Computing**

Our computing unit this half-term is all about computer systems and networks. We will be learning how digital devices work, how they help us and how computers are connected.

**Art**

We will be sculpting our own trees to create a class forest using tin foil and papier mache, taking inspiration from works by Yong Won Son and Barbara Licha.

**PE**

Mr Ridge will be focusing on creative games and gymnastics.

**Spanish**

We will learn basic greetings, numbers and colours in Spanish.



RE

This half-term's focus is Christianity. We will be asking: How and why have some people served God?



PSHE

Year 3 will be learning all about their brain and how we can manage big feelings. The children will also have role play opportunities to equip them with the tools they need to solve issues they may face in and out of school.

Music

Music will be taught in line with our whole-school curriculum by Mr Baines who will be focusing on Rock 'n' Roll music. This half-term, children will continue developing their skills in singing, listening and performing through a range of class-based activities.

Reminders

• **Breaktime Snacks – Please remember that children cannot share their snacks from home and that snacks must not contain nuts.**

- **Coats** – We like to go outside in all weathers so please make sure that your child has a suitable coat in school each day.
- **Creative Activities** – We enjoy taking part in lots of creative (and potentially messy...) activities throughout the year. If you would like to bring in an old, oversized shirt or similar clothing to cover your child's uniform for these activities, please bring it in and we can keep it in our classroom.
- **Home Items** – Please ensure that any toys, makeup, football cards or similar items stay at home, as these will disrupt the children's learning and may be lost or broken during the school day.
- **Home Packs** – Please check that your child's reading packs and homework books are brought into school each day. Messages and important information may be put into the children's reading records or homework books throughout the year.
- **Homework** – A homework menu will be sent home every half term with instructions for the tasks and how to hand homework in. All logins for any applications needed are stuck into the children's reading records. The Year 3 team are currently assessing the children's knowledge of common exception words and number facts. Please see the back of your child's homework book for updates regarding this.
- **Names** – Please write/stick your child's name on all their belongings, including water bottles and coats.
- **PE** – Mr Ridge will be teaching the children PE skills on Mondays. The children will be getting changed in the classroom and their PE kits can stay in their lockers. Please remove earrings on PE days.
- **Reading** – Please make sure you continue to read on a regular basis and use the reading records to jot down what your child has read at home or any comments that you would like to pass on. A member of staff in Year 3 will listen to your child read at least twice a week (a combination of guided reading and 1:1 reading). We have two boxes in Year 3 ('please change my book' and 'reading/homework packs'). Children will be reminded to put their reading packs in the correct section so that their books can be changed. If their pack is not in the correct section, their book will not be changed that day.
- **School Lunches** – Please ensure that you have selected your child's meal for each day to avoid disappointment and to ensure that your child can have the option that they would like. You can prebook these in advance for the half-term.
- **Show and Tell** – Children can bring in home-made projects, items/photographs from a trip or special achievements from outside of school (e.g. certificates, photographs from an event or medals) for show and tell throughout the week. Please do not bring in toys or similar items for show and tell.
- **Spellings** - Spellings are on *Spelling Frame* and they are copied into the children's homework books. Spelling tests will take place every Friday this half-term and the children will need their spelling test books which are in their reading packs.
- **Star Assembly** – If children have certificates, medals or other achievements that they would like to celebrate in star assembly, please bring these in on a Friday.
- **Stationery** – The children have all the stationery that they need in the classroom so the children will not be using pencil cases from home.