

Welcome to Year 3



Welcome to our first topic letter. It has been so lovely to welcome your children back to school. This half term we will be settling into Year 3 and getting used to the new KS2 procedures. We will be covering a wide range of topics in the lessons stated below. If there are any queries or worries please ring reception and we can make an appointment to speak to you after school via telephone.

English

Writing

In English we will be starting with the topic of folk tales, focusing on the tradition tale of Hansel and Gretel. We will look at setting, character descriptions and learning the story to perform it. We will also be linking our English work on biographies with our Theme topic of 'Proud Preston'. We will be researching some of our local heroes before writing a biography about one of their famous characters.

We will begin our spelling programme this year by revisiting some year 2 spellings initially before moving on to our year 3 programme which will develop understanding of spelling strategies and ways to tackle hard spellings. We will upload spellings to ParentApps and test spellings every Friday.

Reading

Year 3 are going to be focusing on decoding more difficult words and understanding and comprehension of the text this term. Understanding what they have read is an important skill. It is important that children can practise their reading regularly at home and all children benefit from being able to discuss what they have read. For example: discuss the plot of the story, describe characters and how they are feeling, predicting the end of the story, and retrieving information. While your child cannot currently bring home a reading book from school please listen to them reading a book from home.

You can help by: hearing your child read every night and discussing what they have read in the text.

Maths

In maths we will be concentrating on place value, mental calculation, 2D shape and length. Then statistics and how to apply mental calculation to this. Finishing with our formal strategies for addition and subtraction using column method.

You can help your child by helping them practise their times tables.



Science

In Science the children will be learning about Animals and humans and how they move. We will be looking at skeletons and muscles. We will name the bones and discuss the different types of bones. Following that we will look at why we need muscles attached to our bones. Our learning will progress and the children will be learning about food groups and nutrition. Developing their understanding of healthy eating.

Topic Theme (History, Geography)

Our topic this term is called 'Proud Preston' Children will study our home town of Preston from a geographical and historical perspective. While we are currently unable to plan any visits at the moment, the children will be learning about Preston through a range of lessons. We will discuss how Preston has changed from its humble beginning of 'Preistown' to a thriving city nowadays.



Computing.

During this half term children about Online Safety something that we will return to every term. Children will learn about digital Images, movies and other multimedia. They We still focus on the golden rules when working on the internet and how to surf safely, continuing to learn how to act sensibly, responsibly. Children may also be asked to complete some of their homework on the computer at times during the year.

R.E.

In R.E. the children will learn about Judaism. We will study the leaders in our world then link this to Moses. If children have an objects or stories linked to the subject, we are more than happy to share these in class.

P.E. and Games

In P.E., this half-term the children will be focusing on Gymnastics, with support from a gymnastic coach, and multi skill style events. Any equipment that your child uses will be cleaned down before another child uses it. The kit remains the same and should always be in school. Children need shorts for gym as long pants can be dangerous on equipment. Children are advised to bring a dark blue tracksuit top or sweatshirt in case of multi skills during winter months.

You can help by: Please ensure that all the children's kit is labelled clearly with their name and class number and your child knows what their bag looks like. No jewellery including necklaces, earrings, bracelets should be worn during P.E. sessions.

P.S.C.H.E.

This half term in PSCH E we will be taking the time to ensure your children feel comfortable being back in school and focussing on any issues that may have arisen from the last few months. We will be engaging in a range of activities and strategies to help your child stay mentally healthy.

MFL: Modern Foreign Languages this term will be French and the children will be learning language connected to the topic of 'All about me.' The number system and greeting will be a focus as well as how to pronounce in French.



Homework

Each week children will be set homework on a Friday and is to be completed by the following **Thursday**. If you do not have access to a tablet or computer at home, please let us know and we can try to arrange some time for your child to complete the work during the school day.

Final Note

As children come into Key Stage 2, they are expected to become more independent and look after their belongings carefully. We would really appreciate the support of parents on this matter, as it is integral to school life. Please make sure all your child's belongings are **labelled** with their name and class.

Thank you for taking your time to read this letter. If you have any queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

Mr Pearce, Miss Till and Mrs Peters.