



## Year 3 Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 1 - 2023

We would like to start our Curriculum Letter by welcoming you all back to School and we hope you have all settled into the KS2 building.

We are thrilled to be working with your children in Year 3 this year, and we are looking forward to getting to know the children and working alongside you all to achieve the best outcomes for them.

Below are a few details that you will hopefully find useful.

If you need to contact us, then please do so via email only. Our email address is: [secretary@queensdrive.lancs.sch.uk](mailto:secretary@queensdrive.lancs.sch.uk) and your message will be forwarded to us and we will reply as soon as possible.

### The Year 3 Team



The staff that will work with your children in Year 3 this year are:

Class 7 = Mrs Cooke (Class Teacher),  
Mrs Patel & Mrs Riding (Teaching Assistants)

Class 8 = Miss Simmons (Class Teacher),  
Miss Machin & Mrs Watson (Teaching Assistants)

Class 7 & 8 = Forest School - Mrs Brewer and Mrs Riding

### PE

PE day is as follows:

Mrs Cookes' Class	Thursdays
Miss Simmons' Class	Tuesdays

The children will need to wear their PE kit for these lessons. Kits stay in school and children will get changed for PE in class on these days. Please ensure your correct PE kit and trainers are worn.

In this half term the children will be developing skills via the invasion game, basketball.



### Swimming

This half term your child is going swimming every afternoon for two consecutive weeks 2-3pm. Please ensure you read, sign and return the forms as soon as possible. Your child will need to bring in their swimming kit in a bag each day.

### Homework



Homework for both classes is given on Friday each week and will appear on the SeeSaw website / app. Usernames and passwords for SeeSaw have been given to your child.

### Home Reading

Children will have the opportunity to change their home reading books whenever they need to. Please encourage your child to read each night and note the page numbers in their Planner. The Planner and home reading book should be returned to school each day (even if the book is not completed) as staff will



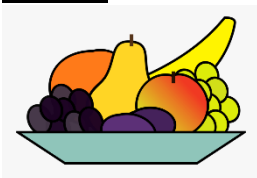
want to hear your child read during the week. Once the book has been signed by an adult that it has been fully read, they may change it for a new one.

### Spellings



We will be working on spellings in class each week and we will also send some spellings home so that your child can practise them. New spellings will be given out every Friday and your child will be tested on them the following Friday. Spelling are based on the Year 3 Spelling shed scheme.

### Snacks



The children can bring in fruit to eat at break times. Please also ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day as they do get thirsty.

### English

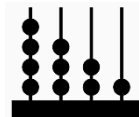
The text type that we are concentrating on in this half term is Folk Tales. We will read a variety of folk tales, explore common characteristics of this genre, plan our own folk tale and write our own folk tale based upon The Lancashire Giant.



We will then look at Recount Biographies in the final weeks of the half-term, with the end product being a recount biography where the children use sub-headings, paragraphs and complex sentence structures.

### Maths

During this half term we will be concentrating on place value, building on the concepts and facts that the children learned in the Infants. In Year 2 the children worked with numbers up to 100 (and slightly over), and in Year 3 we will extend this by predominantly working with numbers up to 1000 (and slightly over). We will also be learning how to add and subtract three digit numbers; we will learn how to collect and use statistics; and we will find and measure the perimeter of shapes.



If you want to work on any Maths at home, then learning times tables is always really valuable as it frees up your child's working memory if they can recall facts that they already know. A list of times tables that the children should know by the end of each year are in the table below:

Year 1	Children learn how to count forwards and backwards in 2s, 5s and 10s.
Year 2	Children know and instantly recall the 2, 5 and 10 times tables (up to 12 x each number).
Year 3	Children know and instantly recall the 3, 4 and 8 times tables (up to 12 x each number) plus the 2, 5 and 10 times tables from the previous year.
Year 4	Children know all times tables facts up to 12x12.

Practising times tables little and often is a very effective way of learning these facts for most children. Your child can try out to win a times table badge too in class!

### Knowledge Organisers



We have also produced knowledge organisers to outline the key facts and demonstrate vocabulary that we will learn in other subject areas this half term. These will be sent to you in separate communications.

We are looking forward to an ever-busy, action-packed half-term and would like to thank you for your continued support.

The Year 3 Team  
Miss Simmons & Mrs Cooke