



# Harvey Road School

## Class 3

### Autumn 2018

#### **Welcome to Class 3!**

Enclosed within this brochure you will find details about what your child will be learning in all the different areas of the curriculum this term. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak with Mrs Jones.

#### **Essential information**

##### Homework

Children will be using homework diaries in Year 3, which need to be signed over the weekend for the week which has already passed and returned on Monday please. Homework will be given on a Friday and will need to be completed on sheets and kept in the homework folders. All homework needs to be returned by the following Tuesday at the latest, otherwise it will need to be completed during break time. Children are encouraged to bring it in earlier if completed over the weekend. We will have times table tests on a Wednesday and your children will need your support with learning these each week. If your child has a problem with the homework please make a note on the work or in the homework diaries or come in and see me.

Spellings will be given on a Friday and tests will be completed the following Friday. The tests will be in the form of dictation sentences.

It continues to be important to hear your child read as often as possible. Please write a note on the right hand side of the homework diary to show how often they have read to you. Please discuss reading books and check your child's understanding instead of simply getting them to read the print to you!

##### P.E.

PE kit will be required on Monday and Wednesdays. Please ensure children have either plimsolls or trainers in school.

Children in Key Stage 2 no longer receive daily milk or fruit as a snack. Children are encouraged to bring in their own healthy snack for morning break. Lunchtime is at 12.15pm and the school day finishes at 3.20pm. The class teacher will wait outside as the children are collected from school at the end of the day rather than releasing children individually. Children must be picked up by a parent or a named adult. Please make sure the class teacher can see you clearly at the end of the day!

Library books will be changed on a weekly basis. If you are able to help change library books then please let me know! We will also be doing reading with groups of about 6 children at a time to help develop reading and comprehension skills. If you are able to help with taking a group from 11.20- 11.40am on a Monday please let me know. We will occasionally need help from parents, especially to help with reading and craft activities. A letter will be sent out early in the term. Please note all helpers will need to have a DBS check.

We will be doing a school visit to the Chiltern Open Air museum to experience a 'hands on' Stone Age and Iron Age day on Wednesday 26th September.

I will have my PPA cover on a Thursday afternoon when Mrs Dunn will teach the children science and RE. Mrs Smith will be the LSA support teacher in Class 3 every morning, except for Tuesdays when Mrs Shukla will be supporting us.

Thank you for your support, and I look forward to a happy and busy first term!  
Mrs Jones

## English

We will cover a variety of texts and units in our English lessons, including Stories in Familiar settings and Stories by the Same Author. Non-fiction units will include writing instructions and explanations. The children will also study humorous poems and write their own limericks!

Other literacy work will include guided reading, grammar and reading comprehension sessions. The children will have weekly handwriting lessons and may earn a handwriting pen in assembly if their writing is consistently neat, joined up and well-spaced.

## Maths – These are the topics we will be covering on a week by week basis;

Week one	Place Value and Regrouping Counting On and Back in Ones, Tens and Hundreds
Week two	Estimation, Magnitude and Rounding Measures – Comparison, Estimation and Magnitude
Week three - five	Mental Fluency – Addition Mental Fluency – Subtraction Fact Families and Applying the Inverse
Week six	Written Addition
Week seven	Written Subtraction
Week eight	Problem Solving – Worded Problems
Week nine	Statistics – Interpreting Bar Charts and Tables
Week ten	Angles, Right Angles and Estimation Perpendicular and Parallel Lines, Vertical and Horizontal Lines
Week eleven	2-D Shape – Properties and Drawing
Week twelve	Perimeter Including Problem Solving Using Written and Mental Methods

## Science

In the first half of the term we will be studying the topic 'Animals including Humans'. Our work will include skeletons; naming bones and comparing animal skeletons with humans. We will also look at muscles, exercise and the importance of healthy eating.

Our topic for the second half will be 'Forces and Magnets'. Children will look at forces and learn about different types of magnets and where we use them.

## Geography/History

In History we are starting the topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. This will include learning about chronology and timelines, the different eras of the Stone Age, tools and how people lived. The topic will include art activities such as creating cave paintings.

Our Geography theme will focus on fieldwork. The children will be using and making maps of the immediate area, plotting routes around our school and collecting environmental data within our school grounds.

## D&T

In Design and Technology we will be making 'Hot Sandwiches'. This will involve researching healthy sandwich options, designing a sandwich and cooking a hot sandwich to 'take away'!

## **Art**

In Art we will be focusing on painting and drawing. We will be researching the work of famous portrait artists, including Van Gogh. We will then dress up in clothes that reflect our personalities and paint our own 'selfies'. In addition, we will learn how to draw comic strips and create cave paintings (linked to our History work).

## **Music**

We are excited to be learning the Ukulele as a whole class this year. Each child will have their own instrument that they can use to play in school, but this will be kept at school rather than going home. You may wish to purchase your child their own ukulele to practice on at home! Children will explore rhythmic pattern, notation and playing together.

## **PE**

In dance, children will get the opportunity to explore ways of travelling and use their knowledge to create their own dance motifs. Gym activities will include the safe use of apparatus and movement, including rocking and rolling. During the first half of the term outdoor PE lessons will focus on games. In addition to gym, dance and games, we will be doing orienteering after half term. This will be closely linked to our Geography work and will involve map reading, use of a compass and giving and receiving instructions. There may be a request for waterproofs and wellington boots!

## **ICT**

Our topic for the term is Bringing Images to Life. We will be changing and editing digital images, developing algorithms and creating animations. We are hoping to share some of our ICT work with parents at the end of term.

## **RE**

In RE this term we will be learning about religious leaders, their role and how they lead their faith communities. We will also be thinking about how different people describe God. Our work in the second half of the term will focus on Christianity and the celebration of Christmas.

## **PSHE**

PSHE lessons are adapted according to the needs of the class at the time with the main focus on learning what positively and negatively affects their physical, mental and emotional health. Themes will include recognizing and managing their feelings and emotions, and developing healthy relationships and lifestyles.

## **FRENCH (MFL)**

We will be doing 2 units of work. 'Bonjour' will focus on greetings and introducing themselves to other people. 'Dans ma classe' will focus on vocabulary associated with the classroom, giving directions and counting up to 30.