



# Harvey Road School

## Class 3

### Summer 2019

#### **Welcome back!**

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 continue to use homework diaries in Year 3, which need to be signed over the weekend and returned by Tuesday. Homework will be given on Friday and needs to be completed on sheets and kept in the homework folders. All homework must 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. 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 us.

Spellings will be given on a Friday and tests will be completed the following Friday. Please encourage your child to practise the spellings regularly and check that they are copying them correctly. There is no need to hand in the spelling book during the week, but it MUST be in school on Fridays.

It is very important to hear your child read at least 3 times a week, and sign the homework diary to show how often they have read to you. Children who have not recorded their homework diary will be asked to stay in for working break. Please discuss books and check your child's understanding.

##### P.E.

PE kit will be required every day as we will have athletic activities and sports day practise in addition to regular P.E sessions on a Monday. Please ensure children have either plimsolls or trainers in school. We will also have swimming after half term – more details to follow.

##### General

The children may change their Library books at any time. Mrs Jeffery will be providing PPA cover on Thursday afternoons and learning support will be given by Mrs Smith and Mrs Shukla. We will also have an adult student, Mr Neal, in our class all day on a Wednesday and Friday.

Thank you for your support, we look forward to a happy and busy third term!

Mrs Jones

## **English**

We will cover a variety of units, including: performance poetry from other cultures, adventure stories, books by a focus author and author's letters. The bulk of our work after half term will be on the unit 'adventure stories' where we will be looking at a variety of texts, including spy stories and books by Jeremy Strong.

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

## **Maths**

In Maths we will be learning/reinforcing the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. There will be further work on multiplication and division, including formal written methods. We will be using money and working on money and real life mathematical problems, including finding change. We will also be learning to tell and use the time.

Please practice times tables at home whenever possible as it will greatly help children with their weekly times table and mental arithmetic tests. Times tables rock stars app is brilliant for this!

## **Science**

In the first half of the term we will finish our Growing Plants topic and now that the weather is warmer we will begin investigations into how plants grow best. We will use practical work to explore the relationship between structure and function of plants.

In the second half we will be studying Light. This topic explores the relationship between light sources and shadows. We will also be learning how we see things and looking at the structure of the eye.

## **Geography**

In Geography children will be studying how settlements develop over time, and why they grow up in certain places. After half term, we will be learning about the physical and human geography in Italy.

## **D&T**

In Design and Technology we will be learning about how packaging is designed to protect the item it is intended for. The children will be designing and making their own packaging for a fragile object.

## **Art**

Our Art units are 'Buildings' and 'Sculptures'. We will be studying how structures are made and practical work will include making a clay bas.

## **Music**

This term the children will be exploring sounds and will learn to classify instruments. They will learn about a call and response structure in music and will learn to compose their own using standard notation. They will also look at how music can enhance a performance of a poem and will explore different techniques for playing instruments in order to create a desired effect.

## **PE**

PE this term will include athletics and outdoor games. Outdoor games will focus on invasion games developing skills of striking, attacking and defending and understanding the use of space. We will be playing striking games on the field as well as competing in solo athletic activities in preparation for Sports Day. Swimming will begin after half term.

## **ICT**

Children will be learning how to understand the difference between data and information. They will use sensing and data-logging tools to gather data to support their science investigations. They will structure data in branching and flat file databases and understand how to derive information from these sources.

## **RE**

In RE we will study the five pillars of Islam and consider rules that Christians follow. We will study the meaning and significance attached to special places and sacred places.

## **PSHE**

As always, 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 keeping safe, including online safety and moving on (in preparation for Year 4).

## **Modern Foreign Languages**

Our French topic this term is 'La Maison' – my house. They will be learning the names of rooms in the house, along with names of furniture and fittings.