



Harvey Road School

Class 3

Autumn 2021

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 us.

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 Thursday and will need to be completed on sheets and kept in the homework folders. All homework needs to be returned by the following Monday, otherwise it will need to be completed during break time. We will have times table tests on Monday and your children may 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 Tuesday and tests will be completed the following Monday. 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 and discuss reading books to check your child's understanding instead of simply getting them to read the print to you! The reading books are changed on Monday and Thursday, each time the children will receive a new book if they have read.

P.E.

PE kit will be required on Monday and Friday. 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 starts 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!

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

Mrs Gregory and Mrs Rickard

English

We will cover a variety of texts and units in our English lessons, including fables and recounts. Non-fiction units will include writing instructions and the children will also write their own limericks!

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

Maths

The main focus in Maths at the beginning of term will be place value and ordering and comparing numbers to 1000. The children will then move on to calculation methods as well as graphs, angles, shapes and perimeter.

Please encourage your child to practice their times tables at home whenever possible as it will greatly help children with their weekly times table tests. TTRockstars is a great resource to practice times tables.

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 'Rocks' where the children will look at different types of rocks, how they are formed, their properties and finding out about fossils.

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.

In Geography we will be looking at climate zones around the world

D&T

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

Art

The children will be using Kapow art scheme linking to their history topic. The children will be exploring elements of shape and tone using a range of natural materials.

Music

Children will explore rhythmic pattern, notation and playing together. We are introducing a new exciting scheme and the first unit is called "let your spirit fly"

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 basketball.

Computing

Our topic for the term is Bringing Images to Life. We will be changing and editing digital images, developing algorithms and creating animations.

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 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 will be using Jigsaw scheme

FRENCH (MFL)

During the Autumn Term, we will be learning some basic French phonics before learning different greetings, numbers, colours, days of the week and months of the year. We will be speaking, listening and starting to write French as we go through the year.