



Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2024



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to Year 3, it was a pleasure to see so many of you at the meet and greet! The children have settled well into their new classroom and are adapting well to the routines and expectations in Year 3. We are all looking forward to an exciting term of learning!

The children will continue their journey along the Homerswood Pathway Curriculum, which encourages children to grow, be curious and discover.

Below is some information for you about the current/upcoming topics and some useful links to help you support your child with their learning at home.

Subject	Topics covered and how to support your child.
English	<p>We will be using fiction and non-fiction texts to continue working on sentence structure and vocabulary building. We will be writing narratives, non-chronological reports, fables and poetry for a range of audiences throughout different units.</p> <p>We will focus on Spoken language and Reading as well as writing in different forms. Please continue to read with your child or encourage them to be reading to maintain their love of books.</p> <p>https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/</p> <p>https://www.homerswood.herts.sch.uk/english/</p>
Maths	<p>Topics we will be looking at include: Number and place value - place value and regrouping, counting on and back in ones, tens and hundreds, estimation and measure.</p> <p>Addition and subtraction - mental fluency, fact families, inverse operations, written methods.</p> <p>Geometry and statistics - interpreting charts and tables, angles, lines.</p> <p>https://www.topmarks.co.uk/ https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/maths-primary-year-3/units https://trockstars.com/</p>
Science	<p>Rocks - type and formation, weathering/erosion, fossils, properties, soil Animals including humans - food groups, nutrition, skeletons, muscles</p> <p>https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/science-primary-year-3/units</p>
Computing	<p>We will be exploring the following topics in Computing: Online safety - passwords, blogs, spoof web pages, age restrictions Coding - flowcharts, timers, code, test and debugging Spreadsheets - creating charts and graphs, formulas</p> <p>scratch.mit.edu www.purplemash.com www.thinkuknow.co.uk internetmatters.org</p>
RSHE	<p>Children will be working towards being able to:</p> <p>Being me in my world - Explain how my behaviour can affect how others feel and behave.</p>

	<p>Celebrating difference - Describe different conflicts that might happen in family or friendship groups and how words can be used in hurtful or kind ways when conflicts happen.</p> <p>https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-3-l/units/all-around-me-cd61/lessons</p>
History	<p>The stone age - we will be looking at how life changed for people during this period of time by looking at archaeological evidence, artefacts and monuments as well as exploring settlements over time.</p> <p>https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/history-primary-year-3/units</p>
Geography	<p>As part of our Geography learning this term, children will look at the topic: Climate and weather. They will learn to read weather and climate maps, learn about different climate zones and look at the concept of biomes.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/zvsp92p</p>
RE	<p>In RE, we will be exploring Christianity and the the big questions: 'What is it like for someone to follow God?' and 'What is the Trinity and why is it important for Christians?'</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j</p>
Art	<p>Our focus in Art will be 'Drawing - Growing artists', looking at how artists see the world around them, utilising basic shapes for outlines before adding detail through shading and texture.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxv346f</p>
MFL	<p>We will be introducing the French language by looking at the alphabet and sounds before looking at the topics 'I am learning French' and 'animals'.</p> <p>https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z78wjhv</p>
PE	<p>Within each of our PE units we will be looking at the following skills:</p> <p>Fundamentals - running, skipping, jumping, changing direction, balance, dodging and hopping Dance - dynamics, use of space, actions and collaboration. Football - running, dribbling, passing, communication, respect</p> <p>https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/physical-education-primary-year-3-l/units</p>
Music	<p>Ukulele - latin dance</p>
DT	<p>Cooking and nutrition - get baking</p> <p>https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/design-technology-primary-year-3-l/units/cooking-and-nutrition-healthy-and-varied-diets-ec15/lessons</p>

Reminders:

- As always, good attendance is essential to maintain good progress.
- If your child is absent for any reason please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- Children can get a new book from our class library whenever they return their previously borrowed book.
- A labelled filled water bottle should be brought into school every day.
- School shoes should be black and preferably children should wear black trainers on P.E days (these are Wednesday and Friday). Welly boots should be brought in on Thursday for outdoor learning along with the appropriate warm clothing/coat as we go outside in all weathers.

Home Learning:

- Home learning will be set via Google Classroom at the start of every week to consolidate that week's learning.
- Children should be reading regularly at home and reading with an adult 3-4 times per week. Please discuss the texts that your children are reading.

- Please begin to use Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home to enable your child to continue making progress with their learning.

Important events:

- Please check the diary dates on the website for regular updates.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning, please feel free to contact me at year3@homerswood.herts.sch.uk. Also, if the children would like to share things they have done at home/outside of school which is related to their learning, please feel free to email these in too.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mr Beg & Mrs Mills