

Autumn Term in 3S

Welcome Back to Handford Hall!



Dear Parents, Carers and Class members of 3S,

Welcome back to a new school year. I hope that the children are ready to work hard, enjoy their learning and continue to make fantastic progress. They have already begun to settle well and are quickly getting used to the new routines in Year 3. I am really looking forward to working with your child this year. This letter outlines the areas of study we will cover during this term.

Maths

In maths the children will be working with numbers up to 1000 and developing their understanding of place value. They will continue to solve calculations and problems, developing their mastery of maths in a range of real life contexts. They will be building on their knowledge of the properties of 2D and 3D shape and fractions. Every day we will be practising our times tables and they will be able to work on these skills at home by logging onto *Times Table Rock Stars*.

English

In English the children will be comparing different stories by the same author, looking at books linked to our topics and using their own ideas in their writing. They will also be writing recounts and exploring a range of poetry. The children will continue to work on their understanding and use of grammar and develop their comprehension skills through a range of texts in our daily guided reading lessons.

Our other subject themes this term:

- Our topic this term is 'Scavengers and Settlers' where we will be looking at prehistory and the clues historians have that help us understand our Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age .
- Science – We are studying science in weekly blocks each half term. Our first topic is 'Plants'. After half term we will be continuing our plants topic.
- Music – We will be exploring pitch and structure in music as well as lots of singing! Year 3 children will be learning to use percussion instruments.
- ICT –the children will be learning to use Word and other programs.
- R.E. We will be having an RE day in October and another in December looking at and comparing major world religions.
- PE – gymnastics and ball skills. **PE kits should be in school every day.**

PE sessions: **Tuesday and Thursday** (trainers needed for these sessions)

Homework: Spellings will be sent home on Mondays and your child will be tested on them on Friday.

Learning Logs: The children regularly receive tasks for their learning logs. This work is set on a Friday and due in on the following Friday. If your child needs to use a computer to complete a task, there is a homework club on lunchtimes that they can attend. As learning logs are new for some your children, if you would like to see examples, do ask me.

Reading: Your child is expected to read every evening and should be ready to take their reading quiz twice a week. Please sign or initial your child's reading diary. Children should read for at least 25 minutes a day.

If you or your child has any questions throughout the term, please do not hesitate to contact us at the end of the school day or contact the office.

Yours sincerely,
Mrs Simpson and Ms Scales-Kennedy
(Mon-Weds) (Thurs-Fri)

Class Teachers