

Spring Term in 3A

Welcome Back to Handford Hall!



Dear Parents, Carers and Class members of 3A,

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! I hope that the children are well rested and ready for another exciting term in Year 3. Our focus for the next few weeks is to settle back into our school routine – our children have come back to school with a spring in their step and ready to learn! This letter outlines the areas of study we will cover during this term.

Maths

In maths the children will be developing their understanding of 3 digit numbers, representing them in a variety of ways and will be introduced to expanded addition of 3 digit numbers. 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 telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes and finding fractions of amounts. 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 reading classic Roald Dahl to inspire their fiction writing, looking at letter writing and narratives. The children will continue to work on their understanding and use of grammar focusing on speech and punctuation. They will continue to develop their comprehension and fluency skills through a range of texts in our daily guided reading lessons. They can work on their writing skills and handwriting through their homework tasks too.

Our other subject themes this term:

- Our topic this term is 'Active Earth' where we will be looking at volcanos, earthquakes, tsunamis and tornadoes. We will be investigating these natural disasters through a range of exciting lessons planned!
- Science – We are studying science in weekly blocks each half term. Our first topic is 'Rocks, Fossils and Soils'. After half term we will be exploring 'Light'.
- Music – We will be exploring music from China as well as lots of singing! Year 3 children will be learning to use percussion instruments.
- Computing – the children will be learning to make presentations and vlogging.
- Religion and World Views – our topics for spring term RE days focus on Hinduism and Christianity.
- PE – gymnastics, dance and creating game making. PE kits should be in school every day.

PE sessions: Tuesday and Thursday (trainers needed for these sessions) As the weather drops, make sure that children have jogging bottoms in their PE bags as well as shorts for outdoor PE.

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 once a week, extending to two quizzes a week in the spring term. Please sign or initial your child's reading diary. Children should read for at least 25 minutes a day.

Outdoor Learning: The children will be playing or learning outside every day. All children must therefore wear school shoes and have a waterproof coat in school. Please make sure that you write your child's name in their uniform and coat as it is such a shame when things go missing and there is no way of identifying clothing. If you have any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to come and see me via classroom door or email (see class page on HH website!)

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

Yours sincerely,

Ms L Atherton