

A big hello and a warm welcome to a new school year and to KS2 – Year 3!

I wanted to take the opportunity to tell you about some of the things that will be happening over the next term in Year 3.

Our class topic this half term is *Location, Location*. It is a geography topic and means we have the chance to explore the local environment, beginning with our school and its surrounding area, before venturing out to see other parts of Hucknall, including the Old Mill site. The Children will learn about the town they live in, the county and the country. This leads onto learning about the wider world later in the year. During the second half term the topic will be 'Magic and Wonder'. This topic centres on art and science. The science looks at light, exploring the patterns that determine the size of shadows; this links brilliantly with Christmas and Diwali. The art aspect focuses on optical illusions and the work of Bridget Riley.

Many of the curriculum subjects will relate back to our topic such as; ICT where this half term we will be examining persuasive leaflets, posters and information books about the local area. Children will then create a booklet with details about what our school/local area has to offer. In Art we will be looking at the work of *Lowry*, who is famous for painting scenes of life and the local environment. We will be imitating some of his art work.

We will do most of our Maths and English in the mornings. In maths we will be looking at number and place value, addition and subtraction, just to mention a few! We will be learning our times tables and developing our mental arithmetic skills. We will build on the children's existing knowledge of 2s, 5s and 10 times tables, moving onto learning their 3s, 4s and 8 by the end of the year. We will also be counting in multiples of 50s and 100s, practising our doubling and halving of different numbers and multiplying and dividing by 10 and 100.

A lot of our English work will be linked to our topic, as well as studying the famous author Roald Dahl and some of his fabulous books. This links to our class read which is the BFG and celebrates Roald Dahl month (September).

P.E days are Wednesdays and Thursdays, and this term will cover netball and hockey. In R.E we will be exploring places of worship and in PSHE we will be looking at new beginnings and the importance of rules and different responsibilities.

Mrs. Graham will be teaching the class on Wednesdays.

Reading remains a big focus. In KS2 we have a *daily shared read*. This isn't recorded in diaries but diaries are checked every week. As the children move up to those higher levels/colour bands, it becomes more about their comprehension and their ability to understand and explain what they have read, what it means and why it might be important. It is also vital that children understand and can talk about the words they read and then use them within their own writing. The more the children read, the more vocabulary and 'world knowledge' they have. It doesn't have to be their school book, a library book/book from home, magazines/newspaper works just as well.

We explore some of the Year 3 curriculum words each week in class. We learn different strategies, which hopefully the children will remember and be able to share with you at home. This will be done through our day to day English work, spelling activities, handwriting and much more. I have attached a copy of all of the words the children are expected to learn by the end of the year with this letter. I find that two or three words a week is enough, repeating and returning to the words often.

As we lead into our first term in Year 3, your child's safety and happiness are our top priority. So, if you or your child have any worries, no matter how silly they may seem, please come and see us. Things are a little different in KS2 so it will take a week or two for your child to adjust to the new routines, and this is perfectly normal.

We begin our learning every day at **8.45am**, if your child is late they are missing *valuable* learning time. I realise that there may be times when this is beyond your control, but can I please ask that your child is in the line when the whistle goes with the rest of their classmates, ready to begin their learning.

We plan to have lots of fun, enjoying learning new things and settling into KS2. I am very excited to be teaching your child this year and look forward to working with you too.

Thank you in advance for your support.

Mr Pearce-Burton **Mrs. Blach**

