

Year 3 Autumn Term Information

Welcome back to the new academic year; we hope you all had a great summer break. We are looking forward to working with you and the children as they move into Key Stage 2.



The Year 3 Team

The Year 3 teachers are Mrs. Burnett, Mrs. Tudor and Mrs. Merson. To complete the team the teaching assistants working in the year group are Mrs. Tucker, Mrs. Wright, Mrs. Coulter, Mrs. Gow and Mrs. Manson. They will be supporting children within the class and working with small groups.

The School Day

Children are allowed onto the school playground from 8.30am. Your child's class teacher will collect them from the playground at 8.40am for the start of the school day. If your child arrives after this time, they should enter the school by the main entrance and make the office staff aware. At 3.00 pm, the children will be dismissed from their classrooms.

Curriculum

We have a busy term planned based around a new topic called 'The Magical Manor'. This will involve a visit to Hemingford Manor later this month and the children becoming an 'expert' team to promote the Manor as a tourist attraction.

Below is an overview of the themes your child will be studying this term:



<p>ENGLISH</p> <p>Narrative settings and mystery stories, Shape Poems, Information texts.</p>	<p>MATHS</p> <p>Place Value, Addition, Subtraction, Money and Real life Problems, Shape, measures, Multiplication, Fractions, Time and Data Handling.</p>	<p>SCIENCE</p> <p>Helping Plants Grow, Looking at Habitats, Materials and their Properties.</p>	<p>ICT</p> <p>Looking at text and graphics, Developing keyboard skills, Manor posters, an Introduction to creating a power point.</p>	<p>PE/GAMES</p> <p>Ball skills linked to netball and football, Travelling and sequences in gymnastics</p>	<p>PSHE</p> <p>New Beginnings</p>
<p>ART</p> <p>Colour mixing, Leaf painting, Printing, Textiles</p>	<p>DT</p> <p>Moving Pictures</p>	<p>HISTORY</p> <p>The history of Hemingford Manor</p>	<p>GEOGRAPHY</p> <p>Plans and routes</p>	<p>MUSIC</p> <p>Exploring descriptive sounds, learning to play the ocarinas.</p>	<p>RE</p> <p>Commitment and Belonging, Creation Myths from different religions.</p>

Reading

Your child will be reading in class as part of a guided group with their teacher weekly and in addition will have their own reading book. They are welcome to take these books home daily and we welcome your comments in the reading diary. It is important that they have their book in school each day.



Home Learning

Homework is given out every Friday and will include spellings, maths and one other activity. The maths piece follows up work that has been taught during the week. We suggest you keep a copy of the spellings at home and try to practise several times a week. Please see us if you need help with strategies for learning words. Homework needs to be completed and returned to school by the following Wednesday.

Weekly Diaries

Weekly diaries will be given out on Fridays. They provide the children with an opportunity to reflect on their week and are an important communication tool between home and school.

Uniform and P.E. Kits

The children have begun the school year looking very smart in their school uniforms but to further help please could you put your child's name on all items of clothing.

PE lessons will be on Fridays, and Games will be on Mondays. Children will need kit, namely shorts and t-shirt, or a leotard for PE. Outdoor footwear will be necessary for Games. We encourage the children to be responsible for remembering their own kit on these days, and your support with this is appreciated.

Snacks

Please could you ensure that the children have a named bottle filled with water to have available within the classroom. We encourage children to bring a healthy snack for break-time. In addition, they may bring money for the Healthy Tuck Shop; we suggest a maximum of 50 pence.

Encouraging and rewarding positive behaviour

To encourage positive behaviour we use a range of different reward systems. Children can earn Privilege Time; this period is at the end of the week when activities, as chosen by the class, are provided as a celebration of their positive behaviour. To encourage and teach about collective and individual rights and responsibilities there may be occasions when portions of Privilege Time are removed. This will be discussed with and explained to the children and in certain circumstances with parents/carers. Overall we expect this system to continue to be a popular and constructive experience and we look forward to your continued support. We also celebrate good behaviour and hard work through awarding medals and certificates, and the children may to have our 'class pet' to stay for the weekend.

Residential trips

We have a residential trip planned for later this academic year. Year 3 will have the opportunity to visit the Kingswood Centre on the Norfolk coast for three days. This trip has proved to be a fantastic learning and social experience for the children. You will be receiving more details shortly.

We have tried to anticipate any questions you may have. Should you have any other issues you wish to discuss please contact your child's class teacher. We look forward to working in partnership with you and your child.