



Harvey Road School

Class 3

Autumn 2016

Welcome to Class 3!

Enclosed within this brochure you will find details about what your child will be learning in all the different areas of the curriculum this term. If you have any questions or concerns please come and speak with Mrs Adams or Mrs Pennell.

Essential information

Homework

Children will be using homework diaries in Year 3, which need to be signed over the weekend and returned on Monday please. Homework will be given on a Friday and will need to be completed on sheets and kept in the homework folders. All homework needs to be returned by the following Tuesday at the latest, otherwise it will need to be completed during break time. Children are encouraged to bring it in earlier if completed over the weekend. Mrs Pennell will also send home times tables sheets on Wednesdays to be practised at home ready for a test the following Wednesday. If your child has a problem with the homework please make a note on the work or in the homework diaries or come in and see us.

Spellings will be given on a Friday and tests will be completed the following Friday. The tests will be in the form of dictation sentences.

It continues to be important to hear your child read as often as possible. Please write a note in the homework diary (or reading card if your child has one) to show how often they have read to you. Please discuss reading books and check your child's understanding.

P.E.

PE kit will be required on Wednesdays. Please ensure children have either plimsolls or trainers in school.

Children in Key Stage 2 no longer receive daily milk or fruit as a snack. Children are encouraged to bring in their own healthy snack for morning break. Lunchtime is at 12.15pm and the school day finishes at 3.20pm. The class teacher will wait outside as the children are collected. Children must be picked up by a parent or a named adult.

Please make sure the class teacher can see you clearly at the end of the day!

Library books will be changed on Fridays. We will occasionally need help from parents, especially to help with reading and craft activities. A letter will be sent out early in the term. Please note all helpers will need to have a DBS check.

Trips will include a visit to Celtic Harmony to experience a 'hands on' Stone Age day in November and a walk to the Baptist Church Christmas Labyrinth (details to follow).

Thank you for your support, we look forward to a happy and busy first term!

Mrs Adams & Mrs Pennell

English

We will cover a variety of texts and units in our English lessons, including Stories in Familiar settings and Stories by the Same Author. Non-fiction units will include writing instructions and explanations. The children will also study humorous poems and write their own limericks!

Other literacy work will include guided reading, grammar and reading comprehension sessions. The children will have weekly handwriting lessons and may earn a handwriting pen in assembly if their writing is consistently neat and well spaced.

Maths

The main focus in maths at the beginning of term will be place value and ordering and comparing numbers to 1000. The children will then move on to calculation and will be learning their 4 and 8 times tables.

Please practice these tables at home whenever possible as it will greatly help children with their weekly times table and mental arithmetic tests. Children will also be learning about 3D shapes, angles and how to measure weight and length using standard measurements.

Science

In the first half of the term we will be studying the topic 'Animals including Humans'. Our work will include skeletons; naming bones and comparing animal skeletons with humans. We will also look at muscles, exercise and the importance of healthy eating.

Our topic for the second half will be 'Forces and Magnets'. Children will look at forces and learn about different types of magnets and where we use them.

Geography/History

In History we are starting the topic 'Stone Age to Iron Age'. This will include learning about chronology and timelines, the different eras of the Stone Age, tools and how people lived. The topic will include art activities such as creating cave paintings.

Our Geography theme is 'Food around the World'. We will be locating countries and cities on maps and finding out where different foods come from and how they arrive at our door.

D&T

In Design and Technology we will be making 'Hot Sandwiches'. This will involve researching healthy sandwich options, designing a sandwich and cooking a hot sandwich to 'take away'!

Art

In Art we will be focusing on painting and drawing. We will be researching the work of famous portrait artists, including Van Gogh. We will then dress up in clothes that reflect our personalities and paint our own 'selfies'. In addition, we will learn how to draw comic strips and create cave paintings (linked to our History work).

Music

Children will explore rhythmic patterns and music structure. They will begin to learn to play the recorder and will be practising for their performance at this year's Christmas carol concert at All Saints Church. We will be linking music and composition to our science topic on the Human Body.

PE

In dance, children will get the opportunity to explore ways of travelling and use their knowledge to create their own dance motifs. Gym activities will include the safe use of apparatus and movement, including rocking and rolling. In addition to Gym and Dance, we will be starting a new Orienteering topic this term. This will be closely linked to our Geography work and will involve map reading, use of a compass and giving and receiving instructions. There may be a request for waterproofs and wellington boots!

ICT

Our topic for the term is Bringing Images to Life. We will be changing and editing digital images, developing algorithms and creating animations. We are hoping to share some of our ICT work with parents at the end of term.

RE

In RE this term we will be focusing mainly on Christianity and Islam. We will be covering the lives of Muhammad and Jesus and how their lives affect the lives of Christians and Muslims today. We will consider how religious festivals are related to key figures. Children will be learning key vocabulary connected to the two religions. We are planning to receive visits from faith members and to enter the Spirited Arts Competition.

PSHE

PSHE lessons are adapted according to the needs of the class at the time with the main focus on learning what positively and negatively affects their physical, mental and emotional health. Themes will include hygiene and staying healthy, changes, showing kindness to others and dealing with emotions.

FRENCH (MFL)

'Moi' - in this unit children learn to introduce themselves, greet others and say how they are. They begin to respond to and ask questions about name and age. They begin to recognise some letter names in French. They discuss linguistic diversity within their class. They understand that French is spoken in France and elsewhere.