

Year 3 News

September 2021



A big welcome to our new Year 3 children. We cannot wait to get to know you all and are very excited about the year ahead!

This is the first edition of our half termly Year 3 newsletter, which will keep you informed about our activities and curriculum.

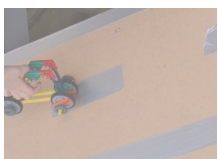
The staff working in the Year 3 team are: Mrs Bowen, Mrs Gillott (3BG), Ms Downey, Mrs Thomas (3DT), Mrs Kaya and Miss Kennedy.

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This half term we will be learning all about Sheffield and the surrounding areas, including the Peak District. We will be looking at the physical and human geography of Sheffield and then comparing elements of this with the Peak District.

Science



This half term's science introduces children to forces and magnets. We will initially be focusing on forces: carrying out practical experiments using a variety of surfaces to investigate friction. After that, we will investigate different elements of magnetism.

Home Learning

Weekly home learning tasks will be set on Fridays — this will be through Google Classroom (more details to follow soon). This will focus on reinforcing an aspect of our current learning. There is a 'Home Learning Review' session timetabled with an opportunity to ask questions and clarify misconceptions.

Maths

This half term we are focusing on place value within 2 and 3 digit numbers. As the term goes on, we will be working to ensure the children can use methods for addition and subtraction efficiently through tackling a variety of problem solving tasks using different apparatus to help them.

There will also be opportunities for the children to access Times Table Rock Stars as well as a variety of other multiplication tables activities. Please encourage your child to keep practising their times tables at home as well.



English

In English we will be linking our writing to Sheffield through reading 'Blue John' by Berlie Doherty. We will be focusing on sentence construction, using conjunctions, and putting our descriptive writing to the test when describing the beautiful shimmer of a gemstone. We will then be moving on to persuasive brochures, encouraging people to visit the Peak District National Park.



Home-School Diary

Your child will be provided with a home-school diary which they will use to record home learning tasks and keep a record of any reading they have done over the week.

Spellings

The weekly spellings for this half term will be sent out and later be accessible via Google Classroom. Please encourage your child to practise their spellings at home ready for the spelling test each Friday. Children will also have the opportunity to practise their spellings at school daily.

Dojos



Class Dojo is a fun way to reward children's use of the Westways Learning Powers (independence, resilience, collaboration, communication, concentration). A weekly certificate and prize will be awarded to the pupil with the most Dojos from each class during Friday's class assembly.

PE

Our specialist PE and sport teacher Mr Millns will be starting with us this term and will be taking each class for both lessons each week. This half term we will be taking part in Athletics, looking at several running, jumping and throwing events allowing for both lots of practise and some fun competitions.



Children should come dressed in their PE kit (white t-shirt, dark shorts, leggings/joggers and a sweater together with trainers/plimsolls) on their PE days (which are **Tuesdays and Fridays** for both Year 3 classes). Wherever possible, lessons will take place outdoors so please ensure children are dressed appropriately in warm clothing. During lessons they will need to **remove all jewellery**. If your child is unable to do PE, they *must* present a note explaining why they are exempt.

We also have a new schools clubs programme. This half term children in Year 3 may be able to take part in Basketball Club or This Girl Can-Club (girls only) - look out for more information on this coming soon.

Contact Details

Your child's teacher can be contacted by email through enquiries@westways.sheffield.sch.uk if you have anything you wish to discuss with them.

And finally...

Please remember, you can send your child to school with a healthy snack to have at break time.