

Other Subjects

This term we will be looking at 'Our Place in the World' thinking about geographical features in and around the local area, how the area has changed over the years as well as jobs and shops in the area. We aim to visit a local museum this term.

In Science this term, we will be looking at Forces and Magnets. We will be investigating the magnetic properties of materials around the classroom and comparing strengths of a variety of magnets. Following this topic we shall be starting our second topic of Light and Shadow.

In Art, the children will be looking at landscapes of the local area, using a variety of mediums and skills. In Design Technology, we will be looking at Local Black Country food. If you have any traditional recipes you would be willing to share with us, we would be delighted!

In PE, we are very lucky in Year 3 as we have an opportunity each Wednesday to provide your child with specialist swimming lessons. In these lessons, they will be developing water confidence and improving swimming skills and overall technique.

In French, we will be starting our journey in to the language by learning different greetings, numbers and colours.

In RE we will learn about Diwali. In PSHE we will be looking at good relationships and our interactions with others.

Other Information!

Homework This Year

On a weekly basis

Children will bring home weekly spellings, stuck in their planner, every Friday. The test will take place on the following Friday.

English and Maths homework will be sent out on alternate weeks. This will also be given out on a Friday. This is to be completed in the homework book given, with care taken to present work neatly using only a pencil. Please ensure your child's homework is completed to a satisfactory standard. This is due in for the following Wednesday.

Reading with your child, or allowing for as many opportunities for reading as possible, will help with their progress.

Snacks at Breaktimes

Having moved into KS2, children are now given the opportunity to buy tuck from the Tuck Shop. They sell a variety of foods including toast, fruit and cereal available everyday as well as pancakes, bacon sandwiches sold on special days. Please see noticeboard for current prices. Your child is also welcome to bring a healthy snack from home to eat at break. Our new school policy promotes healthy eating and we would ask you to send your child with only fruit or vegetables.

**If you have any questions please do not
hesitate to ask.**

NETHERBROOK
PRIMARY SCHOOL



Year 3 Autumn Term

**Miss Hockley, Mrs Fellows and
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Information for parents

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Introduction

Welcome to Year 3. The children are starting to settle in well and are being supported to adapt to the changes from KS1 to KS2. Staff have high expectations of all Year 3 children, in class with their work and conduct around school and hopefully this will continue to develop over the course of the year. Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Year 3 Staff

I love the French lessons we have started doing in Year 3!

Here are some of the children's comments about our first week:

I am going to try hard with my hand-writing so that I can get my pen license.

I am really enjoying swimming lessons. I can put my face underwater!

I like going up to use the computers.

English

In Autumn Term, in English, we are focusing on our spelling, grammar skills and punctuation. Our reading focus will be traditional tales but from a new perspective, such as The Three Little Pigs from the wolf's point of view. We have also started to read the story 'Hodgeheg' thinking about road safety, the language the author uses and how the sentences are constructed.



Please read with your child regularly at home – even if they are able readers, as they need to be answering questions about the text.

You can help at home by:

- * Reading books, newspapers, comics and more.
- * Asking your child challenging questions about what they have read, including getting them to read between the lines or find evidence to support their answer.
- * Allowing for opportunities for writing, focussing on using exciting sentence openers and adjectives.

Maths

Over the course of the Autumn term the children will cover all areas of Maths. As a school we are focusing on mental maths and times tables. Therefore the children will be given plenty of opportunities over the term to improve their mental maths skills and to learn new mental strategies. The children will be learning their times tables in class every morning and will need to practise this at home.

Written methods

We are continuing to work towards the Year 3 National Curriculum and the children will learn how to solve one-step and two-step problems involving numbers, money or measures, and including time.

The first half term will concentrate on place value, length, shapes, addition and subtraction and time. After half term we will work on volume, multiplication and division, geometry, fractions and statistics! What a lot for us to do!

You can help at home by:

- Helping your child to learn their times tables
- Support them with any homework that is sent home
- Challenge your child to tell you the time and work out change when shopping