



NICHOLAS HAWKSMOOR
PRIMARY SCHOOL

An Academy of Academic, Artistic, Athletic and Excellence

Autumn Term

Year 3 Newsletter

The Year 3 Team

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Homework

Information regarding the homework that your children will receive in Year 3 will follow shortly.

Dear Parents

Welcome to Year 3! We hope that you had a restful and enjoyable summer. Your children have made a positive start to the year and we are looking forward to a successful year together. You will have an opportunity to meet with your child's new teachers at the parents' evenings next month but if any issues arise in the meantime, please do not hesitate to contact us to arrange an appointment.

Subject Overviews

English

Throughout the first half of this term the children will be carrying out work based on the popular children's author Roald Dahl. Whilst learning about his life the children will work on text-types including fact files, instructions, play scripts and poetry. They will also be listening to some of his famous stories and re-telling them with a focus on the use of intonation and appropriate language. Throughout the second half term, work carried out will be based around the theme 'Robots', and the children will be developing the sentence level skills necessary to be able to successfully write a story. The children will also be continuing to develop their grammar and reading comprehension skills as well as their handwriting and spellings.

Maths

Throughout the Autumn term our focus in Maths will be on Number. This half term we will start by carrying out work on place value before moving on to addition and subtraction (where we will be working on both mental and formal written methods). After the half term holiday we will be focusing on multiplication and division. In each area that we cover in Maths the children will be encouraged to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems and develop their reasoning skills.

Science

During the first half term the children will be learning about Forces and Magnets. They will build on their existing knowledge of forces, including gravity and friction, and will carry out practical investigations to deepen their level of understanding. They will also be learning about magnetism and investigating whether magnets work through different materials. In the second half term, as part of our 'Animals, including humans' unit of work, the children will be learning about the diets of both animals and humans. They will also learn about the functions of the skeleton and how our joints and muscles help us to move.

Events

3rd-4th October
Parents' Evening

5th October
Roald Dahl Museum
Trip

18th-19th October
School photographs

19th October
Spooky Disco

20th October
Harvest Festival at
St.Lawrence Church

2nd November
Historical Theatre
Company Visit

3rd November
Bonfire Night

6th November
Parents Information
Evening about
Everdon trip (3JJ
23rd–25th April, 3SM
25th - 27th April)

6th-10th November
Life Education
Centre in school

11th December
Y3/4 Christmas
Performance

13th December
Whole school
Christmas meal

Also this term:
A visit to a local
supermarket

Subject Overviews

Computing

In Computing this term the children will be using CodeMonkey and learning simple programming techniques. They will be writing and debugging code to make animations perform a variety of increasingly sophisticated actions on screen. In addition, all children will learn the importance of being cyber-safe.

Humanities

This half term in History the children will be learning about the people who lived during the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will learn about how life changed throughout these periods in time and focusing on their homes, the tools that they used and the lifestyles that they led. After half term, in Geography, the children will be developing their map skills. They will be locating the different continents, countries, oceans and major cities and researching which countries the food that they eat comes from. Next half term the children will also be studying Jesus in their Religious Education lessons, and learning about why he is such an inspirational leader to some people.

PSHE

In our PSHE lessons over the first half term there will be a focus on Health and Wellbeing. The children will start by thinking about how they can stay healthy and prevent the spread of germs and then move on to decision making and the importance of considering the level of risk when making choices.

PE

In PE lessons (which will take place on a Friday) the children will be working on developing the skills necessary to play a game of hockey. We will also be working on developing the children's social skills when playing sports. They will be encouraged to:

help, praise and encourage others;

cooperate well with others and give helpful feedback;

show patience and support to others, listening carefully to them about their work;

and help to organise roles and responsibilities when working with others. Swimming will continue to be on a weekly basis and alongside developing their front crawl, breast stroke and back stroke the children will be working on a variety of water skills. Swimming will be on Tuesdays with Miss Jeffery's class swimming from 11am - 11.30am and Miss Matthews' class swimming from 11.30am - 12pm.

The Arts

In Art the children will be focusing on art work from different cultures and looking at the processes and visual elements that have been used to create them. Inspired by this, they will then create their own individual and collaborative pieces. In their Performing Arts lessons the children will be learning songs for Harvest as well as studying and performing plays based on the stories of Roald Dahl.

French

In French the children will be learning the names of different objects in the classroom, different colours and different ways of greeting people. They will also be learning numbers and the alphabet. Towards the end of the term the children will be learning about the different customs in France at Christmas.