



**Heathland
School**

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Year 3

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! It has been great welcoming children back and seeing how smartly dressed they look in their KS2 uniform. Please can we remind all parents to ensure all uniform items are clearly labelled so it can be quickly identified and returned if misplaced.

The children have settled in well to their new classrooms showing great positivity and enthusiasm for the year ahead! Our first topic will explore life in the Stone Age where children will learn about the periodisation of history and how the past is categorised in blocks of time. They will begin their study by investigating hunter and gather lifestyles in the Mesolithic period and go on to justify reasons for the move to agriculture in the Neolithic period. Children will explore key changes through the evidence of tools and settlements.

Our focus in English will be looking at sentence structure, punctuation, grammar, vocabulary and spellings which leads to the children writing in a variety of genres including character profiles, writing a narrative and non-chronological report writing. Children will be taught to create their own fact files about the past and report on evidence left behind. In maths, we will start with place value of numbers, using recall, learn, apply and reason. Children will learn to solve problems and justify their reasoning. Learning their 3, 4 and 8 time tables will be encouraged throughout the year. It is important that children regularly practise their times tables at home.

We promote positive mental health and encourage everyone in Year 3 to talk openly about how they are feeling. We will have weekly Mind-up lessons where children will learn about how their brain works and the importance of mindfulness.

Our P.E. days are on Mondays (Indoors) and Wednesday (outdoors). In PE children will be taught to develop their hockey and gymnastics skills.

Year 3 children will have the opportunity to visit the school library. Please ensure all library books are returned. We will be sending home a purple reading record book which we ask to be filled in whenever your child reads at home with a class reading book. We do not send home colour reading scheme books. The children will be encouraged to take home books from the class library and the school library.

It is essential that children bring in a labelled water bottle every day. Children can bring in a piece of fruit or something healthy to eat at playtime.

We will send home learning on Friday which needs to be returned on Tuesday.

We look forward to working with you throughout the year. Please contact the school if you have any queries and we will be happy to help.

Miss Grant
(Cedar Class)

Miss Crowle
(Portia Class)

Mrs Vasandani
(Snowbell Class)