

Year 3

Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 1



Welcome back to school! We are so excited to be teaching your brilliant children this year and we are looking forward to an exciting year full of fun, lots of learning and some adventures too! Miss Lambert will teach the class all day on Mondays and Tuesdays and Mrs Leach will teach all day on Thursdays and Fridays. We will alternate each Wednesday allowing both of us to fulfil the needs of our assistant headteacher roles.

Mrs Rockett (Miss Leafe) and Miss McCulloch will support the class throughout the week. If you have any questions regarding your child or any concerns, please contact us via email a.lambert@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk and sandy.leach@benrhydding.bradford.sch.uk

For changes in pick up/drop offs, medical appointments or absence, please phone or email the school office.

The Curriculum

English

Our text this half term is called Greta and The Giants. We will be developing our comprehension skills through reading lessons, making predictions and inferences about the text. Our writing focuses will be basic skills; accuracy with capital letters and full stops, correct spelling of high frequency words and neat handwriting. Our aim is to tackle these this half term before moving on to a wider range of Year 3 writing skills in the second part of the Autumn term.

Maths

Our first unit of work looks at place value. Children will be learning about numbers up to 1000 and understanding the value of each digit in a three-digit number. After this we will move on to learning about addition and subtraction and will look at formal written methods for these alongside calculating mentally.

Science

In Science we will begin by looking at the human body. We will be learning about bones and the human skeleton before focusing on nutrition.

Computing

We will initially focus on online safety and the importance of being a responsible digital citizen.

History

Our history topic focuses on the Vikings.

We will focus on these areas:

- Culture - Where did the Vikings come from and how did they trade and explore
- Stories - What were the Viking people like?
- Legacies – Was Danegeld effective?
- Individuals – How great was Alfred the great?
- Beliefs – Who did the Vikings believe in?



Art

We will be looking at the artist David Hockney and creating some landscape paintings

French

Year 3 children will begin their first formal French lessons with plenty of interactive oral work: greetings, asking and giving names, asking each other how they are, and learning some basic French classroom language.

P.E.

Our P.E. days are Wednesday and Thursday and will be held outside until the weather becomes colder. Children should come to school in their outdoor PE kit on Monday and Wednesday mornings and will remain in it all day. Please check the school website if you require clarification of the correct PE kit.

Home Learning

Home Learning will come out on Friday 12th September and will consist of the following:

- One weekly reading book
- One set of half termly optional maths tasks
- One set of half termly optional English tasks
- One termly home learning project.

Book Exchange

All children have a school reading book. These will be changed on Fridays. I will send children with one book for the week. Please comment positively on your child's reading in the reading record at the end of each book. We will start sending reading books on Friday 12th September to give ourselves opportunity to check the children's current reading level.

Library

The children will visit the library on Wednesdays and will be able to borrow one book per week.

Water Bottles

Please make sure your child has a water bottle in school every day. This will be sent home at the end of the day to be brought back in filled up for the next day.

Dates for the diary

Tuesday 16th September – Flu Vaccinations
Wednesday 17th September – Individual School Photos
Harvest Festival TBC
Friday 24th October – End of half term
Monday 3rd November – Return to school