

Welcome to Year 3!

Welcome back to school and to Year 3! We hope the children had a relaxing and enjoyable summer holiday and are now ready to start a new year. As you will see from this newsletter, we have a very busy and exciting term ahead of us. This is a brief summary of the aspects of work we will cover in each curriculum area. If any of this is unclear to you, please ask.

Reminders:

Swimming is being completed over 4 weeks of intensive lessons. The dates for this term are: 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th of November. Please send your child in PE kit for these days.

PE is on a **Monday** and **Tuesday** each week.

On Wednesdays, a group of children will spend the morning in **forest school**. We have separated the classes into three groups and each group will visit forest school on a rotation. Please see the attached timetable, and make note of which group your child is in.

Spellings and Times Tables will be tested on a Thursday, please practise these at home.

Planners

This year, every child will receive a school planner. We are very excited to be using these for the first time! Please ensure these are well looked after and do not go missing. The best way to do this is to replace the book in your child's school bag whenever it is not in use. Unfortunately, due to the quality of these planners, replacements must be paid for.

Reading

Children will read regularly in school with the teacher, LSP, or volunteer helper in the form of either individual reading or in a guided reading session. Please also read with your child as often as possible (at least 5x a week) and make a comment in the planner; we do love to read it! We will allow children time to change their stage books as and when they need to. They will also bring library books of their choice home to read.

As always, if you have any queries then please contact us at the emails below.

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We would love you to follow our Instagram page @year3_lps so that you can see all the fun and exciting things that we get up to.



Our Autumn Term Topic is

The Tudors

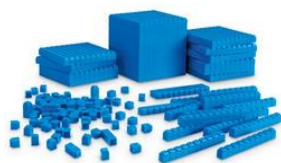
How did the reign of Henry VIII change
Ledbury and Britain?



We will be learning about...

History will be our main focus this term. We will continue to move across the historical ages as our children progress through the school and the next stop for year 3 is the Tudors. We will look at Henry VIII, his wives and his children, and the impact he had on Ledbury, and Britain as a whole, during the time period. We will also look at life through the eyes of a child and compare it to modern day schooling. In addition, we will also be studying historical buildings and visiting those that surround us in our local environment.

Our **English** lessons will link closely to our Tudor history topic. We will cover a range of writing genres including a non-chronological report, narrative and poetry as well as a range of little writes to keep our imaginations and creative thinking flowing.



We will begin our **Maths** work by reading, writing and comparing numbers to 1000 and we will continue exploring place value before moving onto the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division).

In our **Science** lessons we will be focussing on sound; how sound is made and how we hear it. We will be carrying out some exciting investigations to improve our scientific skills!



Year 3 **Music** will be following the Charanga scheme of work over the course of the year. During the Autumn term, we will be using Charanga to learn 2 units: Rhythm and Blues and Glokenspiel. This year we are also very lucky to have music lessons from 'Wider Opportunities' where we will learn to use a variety of instruments.

In **Art and Design**, we will be using 'PlanBee' topics of work and, for this term, we will be focusing on the architecture of famous buildings and how they incorporate line and colour. We will then be moving on to Christmas art!





We will be familiarising the children with classroom rules and routines in **RSHE**. We will be thinking about what it is like being in their world and we will also be celebrating differences.

PE will be on a Tuesday afternoon as well as incorporating daily physical activity breaks during the week to keep us fit and healthy. For the autumn term, PE will be predominantly outside, depending on the weather. Please ensure your child arrives at school in their PE kit on their designated day. As the weather starts to get colder, it is advised that pupils have tracksuit trousers and a jacket/jumper with them. The focus of the lessons will be health & fitness before moving onto gymnastics.



Swimming will take place on 18th, 19th, 20th, 21st, 22nd and 25th, 26th, 27th, 28th, 29th of November at Halo Leisure Centre. Children will need to bring their swimming kit in a bag that can be easily carried to and from the pool. Long hair must be tied back for lessons.

In **Religion and worldviews**, we will be covering the festivals of Harvest and Christmas. During RW Week, we will explore the question 'What do Christians learn from the Creation story?' and consider Christian responses to problems in the world.



In **Computing**, we will be looking at how to keep safe when communicating across a range of internet platforms.

In **French** we will be learning all about the numbers 1 – 10, French greetings and feelings, colours, commands as well as how to say the days of the week and months of the year. We will also be finding out about a French Christmas!



In **Forest School** this term we will be focusing on our 'sense of self' – through stories and child-led activities, we will be exploring how the outdoors can support and nurture our moods, by finding out what makes us happy and what we are grateful for.