

# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter



## Autumn 1 2017

Welcome to Year 3! We are pleased to welcome the children to this exciting year. Below is a brief outline of what your child will be learning in Year 3, across all the subjects this half term. We hope you will take the opportunity to read and discuss it with your child in order to support their learning at home.

Subject	
Literacy	Spelling – recapping common exception words from Year 2 and beginning to learn some year 3-4 words Grammar – recapping using adjectives and conjunction in sentences, using commas in a list and correct ending for past tense words. Understand the meaning of prefix, clause, subordinate clause and learn to use inverted commas (speech marks correctly) and when to use a or an before a word. Narrative genres – writing settings and descriptions in stories, writing own S.W.I.T.C.H story. Explanation – Using causal connectives to explain shadows. Factfile – Information text about a famous person.
Numeracy	Place value – value of each digit in a 3 digit number, reading and writing numbers up to 1000. Addition and subtraction involving 3 digit numbers. Mental addition and subtraction of two and three digit numbers. Recapping 2,3, 5, 10 times tables
Science	Light and shadow – recognise that dark is the absence of light. Understanding sources of light. Recognising that light from the sun can be dangerous and ways to protect our eyes. Recognise that shadows are made when light is blocked by opaque objects.
Topic – light and shadow	Taught through science and art and DT.
ICT	It’s all about safety! We will discuss and learn how to use the internet and other technology whilst keeping ourselves safe.
RE	We will be looking at baptism and welcoming within the church and within everyday lives.
PE	Monday – (Outdoors) hockey – learning to control the ball with a hockey stick; change direction, dribbling, passing. Thursday - (Indoors) – throwing and catching. To control the ball when throwing different distances. To catch the ball thrown from different distances.
Music	All children in Year Three will be participating in the “Everyone Plays” Project where they will have the opportunity to learn an instrument as a whole class. There will be a different instrument taught each term, starting with tuned percussion and drumming, going on to recorders and then ukulele. Singing is at the heart of the project and this term we will use a set of Boomwhackers and junk drums to accompany a range of songs and chants. We look forward to seeing you to show off our drumming skills later in the term!
Art	Making shadow puppets and looking at puppeteers.

### PE/Games Days:

**Outdoors** – T-shirt, black shorts and trainers. Track suit may be worn during the winter months

**Indoors** – T-shirt and black shorts. Please can you ensure ALL clothing are clearly labelled, as all Hollybrook T-shirts look the same!

### Library

Friday – Children must return books, even if they have not finished, as it will need to be scanned in again. They may scan them out again immediately. This is to help us to keep tabs on books out.

**Date for your Diary: Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> September 2017 – Open Morning for Year 3 parents**