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Tuesday 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2022

Dear Year 3 Parents/Carers,

### **Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Spring (1st half)**

#### **Message from the teachers**

We would like to wish you all a very Happy New Year as we start the Spring Term. This letter will give you an idea of some of the lessons your child can look forward to during the first half term.

#### **Our Core Values**

Happiness: we spread joy to those around us.

Compassion: we care and are kind to all.

Respect: we treat others, as we like to be treated.

Teamwork: we work well with everyone.

#### **Year 3 Staffing**

Willow class teachers: Mrs Parker and Mrs Hooson-Jones

Iroko class teachers: Miss Morse and Miss Mayling

Year 3 learning support assistants: Mrs Clarke, Mrs Crewe-Devein and Mrs Eyre

#### **Communication**

Please feel free to arrange a meeting should you wish to speak to one of the teachers in person. Alternatively, you can email class teachers directly on the class email accounts and we will do our best to get back to you within a couple of working days.

[willowclass@harefieldjunior.com](mailto:willowclass@harefieldjunior.com)

[irokoclass@harefieldjunior.com](mailto:irokoclass@harefieldjunior.com)

#### **Homework**

Homework, will be sent out every Friday. Please return the homework to your class teacher the following Friday.

We have also subscribed to [Bug Club](#) online reading and [Mathletics](#) online maths activities.

Pupils require their own log ins for these websites. Please contact the school office if you need to be reminded what your child's log in details are.

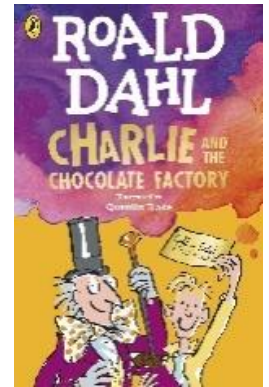
We will be sending new books home every Monday. Please remember to send these books back in to school each Monday. A new book will not be issued until the previous one has been returned.

## Spring Term Learning

This half term we will be learning the following in each subject area.

### English

Year 3 will be reading 'Charlie and the Chocolate factory' by Roald Dahl in English this term, a story linked to finding something. We will create 'Finding stories' based on this, where a character faces a variety of people or challenges, and finding something. Later, this half term, we will use the same text to create an information text.



### Mathematics

In maths this half term, year 3 will be consolidating their knowledge on multiplication and division. to solve calculations and word problems using manipulatives, concrete resources, and reasoning. We will then look at money and statistics, which includes pictograms and bar charts.

An example of a pictogram is:

At the zoo, Mo keeps a record of how many big cats he sees.

Big Cat		Big Cat	Key 🐾 = 2 big cats
Leopard	🐾🐾🐾	Lion	🐾🐾
Cheetah	🐾🐾🐾🐾	Tiger	🐾🐾🐾🐾

How many lions are there?

How many more tigers than leopards are there?

### Science

The year 3-science unit this term is 'Can you see me? The key ideas we will study are that there needs to be light for us to see, that some things give out light and others reflect it, and that there are factors which affect the size and shape of shadows.



### History

We will be finding out about the Stone Age. We will create a timeline, which will show the different periods of the Stone Age. We will discuss the changes and development overtime and look at Skara Brae, an example of a prehistoric settlement.

### Art and Design

In Art and Design this half term, we will investigation the formal elements of art. We will do this by looking at simple and geometric shapes, working with wire and investigating the four rules of shading

### Physical Education

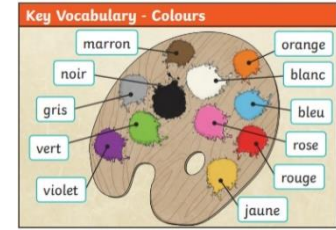
P.E. will be taking place in Year 3 for both classes on Wednesdays. Willow class children will also have another PE lesson on Mondays. Please ensure you send your child to school wearing their P.E. kits on these days. The two P.E. units in year 3 this half term will include throwing and catching and ball skills.

### Forest School

Forest School will be taking place each Monday afternoon for Iroko Class this half term. The children will have opportunities to learn in nature, building a range of skills and making observations of the changing seasons.

### French

The year 3 French unit this half term is 'All about me.' The children will learn vocabulary for the classroom instructions, my body, actions, colours, and clothes.



### Religious Education

Year 3 will be learning about the Islam. The children will learn about the key elements of the Islam faith and main beliefs. We will find out about how Islam originated its special places, symbols and festivals.



### Music

We are very fortunate to have a specialist music teacher in school every Tuesday to teach Year 3 music lessons, focusing on learning to play the recorder.

### Personal, Social, Health and Economic Education

'Dream and Goals' is the next PSHE unit. We think about staying motivated when doing something challenging and working hard to achieve their own dreams and goals while keeping a positive attitude.

Please feel free to contact us via the class email accounts should you have any questions over the term ahead.

Yours faithfully

Mrs Parker, Miss Morse, Mrs Hooson-Jones and Miss Mayling  
Year 3 teachers