



Jessie Younghusband School

Year 3 – Curriculum Letter – Autumn Term

Welcome to Year 3. I'm really looking forward to working with your children over the coming year, in partnership with you, to ensure that their first year in 'upper school' is a successful and happy one. Miss Akehurst, Mrs. Walker and I have had a fantastic first week with the class and have really enjoyed getting to know them.

I'm optimistic that this year will see a return to 'normal' school life after two disrupted school years. We've already been able to resume whole-school assemblies and break times and we're hopeful that events like parents' evening, school assemblies and open days will return as well.

This curriculum letter will provide some useful information about the autumn term in Year 3. You can find out more detail about the specific areas of learning and curriculum content that the children will be studying this term on our school website (www.jys.org.uk) under the 'classes' tab.

This term's topics

Our first topic this year 'Chichester Through Time', in which we will be focusing on History and Geography work as we explore our local community and its fascinating past, discovering some of the secrets held within the city walls. As part of this topic, we will be going on a local history walk with Paul Ullson on Tuesday 14th September.

After half term, we'll start our next unit 'Let There Be Light', which has a Science focus.

P.E.

P.E. lessons will be on Tuesday afternoons and Thursday mornings for the first half term. It's useful to have P.E. kit in school all week from Monday morning though, as the children may need it for clubs and occasionally for ad-hoc sporting activities at different points during the week as well. We will aim to ensure PE kits are taken home every Friday and would appreciate your help in getting these washed over the weekend ready to be returned on Monday.

Reading

Regular reading is essential, daily if possible. This could include reading books (fiction and non-fiction), magazines, comics or anything else which takes their interest. In fact, the wider the range of genres that your child reads the better. We will begin to think this year about how to tailor writing for different audiences, purposes and genres, so reading a range of texts will help them really understand how writing differs depending on the context. We have resumed the use of purple reading comment books as a way to record the reading that goes on at home – we really appreciate your continued effort here and always find it useful to see what parents have written. Please encourage your child to put their purple reading comment book and reading books back in their bags each night so that they are available during the school day.

Home learning

A home learning task will be set once each week, typically in either Literacy or Maths but occasionally in other subjects as well. Home learning aims to reinforce a key concept the children have learnt at school. This will usually be set each Tuesday and due in again the

following Monday. Additional copies of the homework, if required, are left in folders in the classroom – your children can get these for themselves, or you can ask me for a copy if needed. Occasionally you may wish to add a comment on to your child's homework if there is anything you feel I should know about how they got on. Spellings also form part of their home learning and will also be given out and tested every Tuesday. We really appreciate your continued support in helping your child to complete their home learning on time.

Meet The Teacher

This term, we have made short videos to introduce ourselves to you without the need for parents to come into school. The Year 3 video is available to watch at:

<https://youtu.be/9dN6ss4hSC0>.

Contact

We know how important it is to be in regular communication with you as parents, sharing information to ensure we can each support them both at school and at home. I am available for short conversations before school and for longer conversations after school, and will aim to make myself visible and available outside the Year 3 classroom each day. Please feel free to say hello!

Now that parents have more access to the school site again, we would kindly ask that email is no longer used as the primary contact point for teachers. Should you need to contact a member of staff via email, we ask that these are now directed to office@jys.org.uk who will forward your message on.

Year 3 Diary Dates

- **Tuesday 14th September – Local history walk with Paul Ullson**
- **Wednesday 6th October – Jo Simmons author visit**
- **Monday 25th – Friday 29th October – Half term**

Miss Akehurst, Mrs. Walker and I are all really excited to get to know your children and to help them to enjoy this year to the full. If you have any concerns or questions, please email me, or telephone the office to make an appointment if it is more convenient.

Best wishes,

Mr. Vass