

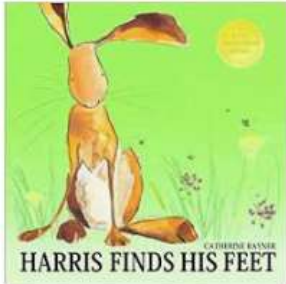


# Hare Class Autumn Term Newsletter



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! I hope that you all had an enjoyable summer and enjoyed quality family time. I am delighted to be teaching your child and I am looking forward to an exciting year ahead. This letter provides a brief outline of what we aim to cover in the autumn term.



## English

We will begin Year 3 by learning all about the animal our class is named after; the hare, through a beautiful book named 'Harris finds his feet'.

Over the remainder of term we shall be continuing to refine our grammar and spelling expertise as well as improve our creative writing skills by writing poems, stories, letters and diary entries linked to our topic 'Victorian Britain'. Children will explore exciting texts

linked to this period including 'The Owl and the Pussy Cat' and 'Fairs fair'. We will begin to learn how to use paragraphs in our writing and develop our use of powerful verbs and adjectives.



*How you can help your child:*

- \* Please try to read regularly with your child, if possible at least 4x per week. Reading aloud helps them to decompose new words and understand their meaning. Therefore developing your child's vocabulary. Please sign their planner to help us keep a record of their reading.
- \* Talk about the books they are reading: What was their favourite bit? Did they have a favourite character? What do they think will happen next? Lots of discussion helps develop children's language and understanding of the text.



## Maths

In Maths we will continue to develop our numerical understanding. We will be looking at using all four functions in a variety of contexts as well as consolidating our understanding of place value in numbers up to 1000.

*How you can help your child:*

- \* Encourage mental maths skills such as adding and subtracting differing amounts.
- \* Rehearse times table facts and related division facts.
- \* Provide opportunities for practical measuring in metres, cm, and mm.
- \* Give them experience of handling and identifying money, working out costs of items and change. When shopping work out which offers are cheaper and by how much.
- \* Support your child in telling the time on analogue and digital clocks.



## Topic

As previously mentioned, later this term, much of our learning will focus around our topic '**Victorian Britain**'. We will learn lots about this period of history, focused around what life was like for children. We will discover where children lived, what they did in their free time and how they celebrated Christmas. Through this topic we will explore a whole range of creative topic-based learning across all the primary subject areas.

## Art & DT

This term, children will study the work of L. S. Lowry. We will explore colour; tints, tones and shade, and use new skills to create a range of artwork in the style of the artist. We will also be making a variety of simple Victorian toys – linked to our learning in science as well as making traditional Victorian Christmas crafts in an exciting workshop.



## Science



This term we will be learning about forces, friction and magnetic attraction. Children will work collaboratively, in a hands-on way, to identify different actions as pushes or pulls, to identify magnetic materials and to explore movement over different surfaces. Throughout this unit, children will develop their scientific enquiry skills, making observations, predictions and conclusions.

**RE** In RE, the children will discuss the question: What do Christians believe about God and Incarnation? We will look at the Trinity and recall what happens in Baptism. We shall also explore stories from the Bible and use these to gather an impression of Jesus and what Christians believe him to be.

**PE** PE lessons will take place on Friday's for this half term, then after half term will also include Thursdays leading up to Christmas. This term, the children will be concentrating on both Cricket and Netball, learning various passes and attacking and defending skills and techniques.



The Children will also be completing a daily 'Golden Mile' when the weather permits.

**Enrichment** Children will be alternating this term between PE, cooking and Forest school. Please ensure they have the right clothing in school on a Friday to avoid disappointment or any missing out.

**Home learning** Home learning will be set on Friday's through Google Classroom and consist of a spelling, maths and reading activity. This will be 'handed in' digitally once completed. Children will need to be able to access both Doodle Maths and Doodle English – any difficulties in doing so please let me know and I'll see if I can help!

This is rather a long letter but hopefully it gives you some idea of what we will be doing this term. Our main aim, as well as working hard across the curriculum, is to have lots of **FUN** and be **CREATIVE!**

I will keep you updated through Classroom Dojo of upcoming events and snapshots of what we get up to in the classroom but please feel free to message me via this app if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child. I am also always happy to ring or see parents at a mutually convenient time, but an appointment will need to be made.

Thanks for your support and we look forward to getting to know you all over the year,

Miss Holmes and Mrs Gordon

