

Year 3, Term 1 - September 2023

We want to say a big welcome to the Year 3 children as you arrive into your new school building! But also, a big Thrapston Primary welcome to our new year 3 teacher, Mrs Trigg, who be taking Ennis-Hill Class. She is very excited to be joining 'our family' and taking on this new role.

Now that the children are in Key Stage 2, they will notice a few changes in both their timetable and expectations. There is, of course, no afternoon playtime and the afternoons can seem quite long at first so we are making sure each class has a mini break to begin with. It is also worth noting that children in Key Stage 2 no longer receive free fruit from the government at playtime. They are however encouraged to bring their own piece of fresh fruit or vegetable in a suitable container. We also ask that you provide your child with a **named** water bottle (with a sports cap) so they have regular access to fresh water and keep hydrated.

Our English topic this term will involve the children exploring stories with familiar settings and character descriptions. It would be very useful to discuss these aspects during any shared or bedtime reading sessions you may have. As before, we expect them to read at least **five** times each week at home, which we ask you to record in their reading record. The reads will be counted every Friday, by our TA - Mrs Foley - Steward. They will receive a reading raffle ticket each week they complete the expected reads and they will be able to select the book they would like the chance to win. We also ask that you support the learning of spellings that are set. Tests will usually take place weekly and a label will be placed in the reading record books, detailing the spellings to learn. Thank you for your support.

To kick-start our Science learning, we will be investigating forces and magnets. We will also be focussing on some of our scientific enquiry skills, including setting up a fair test investigation and recording measurements and observations.

In our History topic, we will be learning about Prehistoric Britain. This topic will span the first two terms until Christmas and will also tie in with our art topic next term. This term in art, we will be exploring formal elements of art.

In Maths this term, we will study Number & Place Value. The children will also be reviewing their number bonds and developing their times tables knowledge. These will be assessed on a weekly basis. In order to move on, the children must successfully complete a timed weekly test just like they did in year 2. If you would like to further support maths, remember to access the websites listed on the school website (curriculum - maths).

We will begin French lessons once a week and we will start by learning ways of greeting people.

On the days that your child has PE, they should come to school dressed in their school PE kit (including a hoody and trainers please). It is advisable that the children do not wear earrings on PE days. If they do, they will be asked to remove them themselves or use earring tape, as we are not permitted to help them with this. The Year Three PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays.

We are looking forward to an exciting year with lots of fun activities. Please remember, if you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email.

Many thanks,

The Year 3 Team