



## Haffydown Class Letter: 2021 – 2022



Welcome to Haffydown Class! We hope you have had an enjoyable and restful summer break and are looking forward to a new school year.

This letter provides information about the exciting term/year ahead for Year 3.

### Staffing:

In Year 3, we have a lovely teaching team to support your children's learning.

**Miss Wynne** - Monday morning, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday afternoon.

**Mrs Evans** – teaches RE and French on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings.

**Mrs Davis** – supports in class every morning.

**Miss Houlding** – supports Thursday and Friday afternoons.

**Mrs Crowley** – teaches music on Tuesday afternoons.

**Mr Nash** – teaches PE on Monday afternoons and Friday mornings.

### Daily Mile:

Trainers will be needed every day for the Daily Mile.

### Water Bottles:

It is essential that all children bring a named water bottle into school each day and take it home to be washed daily.

### PE kit:

Mr Nash will teach PE on Mondays and Fridays. Please ensure that children have the appropriate PE kit and their items are clearly labelled.

#### This includes:

- PE T-Shirt (red, rounded necked, school logo)
- PE shorts (Plain, navy)
- Trainers
- Navy jogging bottoms and sweatshirts for outdoor PE

### Recorders:

All children need to have their recorder in school every Tuesday for music. These are available to purchase from the school office.

### The curriculum:

On our class page, you will find an overview of the topics that we will be covering this year. It would be great if you could discuss these topics at home with your children.

**Topic:** Our topic this term is The Anglo-Saxons. We will be learning about Anglo-Saxon life, culture and art, including the Sutton Hoo burial, and asking if King Alfred was actually 'Great'.

**English:** We will be focusing on fiction, non-fiction and poetry writing this term. Linking most of our texts to our topic, including Beowulf by Michael Morpurgo.

**Design and Technology:** We will be making cam toys.

**Art:** We will be studying the artists Giacometti and Julian Opie.

**Maths:** We will be following the National Curriculum, starting with place value, measures and mental fluency.

**Science:** We will be learning about plants this term and taking care of our own class plant.

### Reading:

It is extremely important to read with your child at home throughout the year and sign their reading record every day. Every week, there will be regular Guided Reading sessions and where possible, they will read with an adult 1:1. If children finish their reading book before reading with an adult during the week, they are welcome to change their reading books.

#### Reading list:

I'll Take you to Mrs Cole - Nigel Gray  
The Owl who was afraid of the dark – Jill Tomlinson  
Jim and the Baked Beanstalk – Colin Simpson  
The Hodgeheg - Dick King Smith  
Flat Stanley - Jeff Brown  
Lob – Linda Newbury  
The Worst Witch – Jill Murphy  
The Pirate Cruncher – John Duddle  
Fantastic Mr Fox - Roald Dahl  
Charlie Small - Charlie Small  
Bill's New Frock – Anne Fine  
Mr Badger – Lee Hobbs  
The Raft – Jim Lamarchet  
The 100 Dresses – Eleanor Estes  
East O the Sun and West O the Moon - PJ Lynch  
Grandpa's Indian Summer - Jamila Gavin  
Malkin Moonlight – Emma Cox  
Ottoline and the Yellow Cat – Chris Riddell (series)  
The Butterfly Lion - Michael Morpurgo

### **Homework:**

Each half term, your child will be required to complete two pieces of homework for Topic and Science. These will be sent home. The children can pick one activity to complete from the homework grid and bring it in to share with the class.

**Spellings:** Your child should be practising their spellings daily in their spelling journal. During the week, spelling lessons will take place in school; please practise these with your child at home.

**Times tables:** Year 3 should be confident in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables as we move onto our 4 and 8 times tables this year. If your child is not confident in their 2, 5 and 10 times tables, please spend time practising with them on Times Tables Rock Stars as this will help. Their login details will be written into their reading journal so that they can practise at home.

**Seesaw:** With this letter, your child will be given their Seesaw login, please keep this safe.

Please check out class page throughout the year to see updates and photographs of our learning (<http://www.astonmarys.herts.sch.uk/>).

Please do not hesitate to speak to any of the Haffydown staff if you have any further questions.