



Highwood Primary School

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Promoting Resilience, Achieving Potential

Cathy Cox – Head Teacher

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Dear Parents and Carers in Year 3,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had a lovely summer and are ready for a fresh and exciting new year. As part of our fascinating cross-curricular topic 'Stone Age to the Iron Age' we have some great learning planned for the children:

- investigating rocks and soils, how we classify them and their uses
- cave paintings
- stone age settlements
- design a prehistoric home
- cave poetry
- tool making

In the Autumn Term, our class reader will be 'Stig of the Dump' by Clive King.

Staffing:

Maple 3 	Teacher: Mr Ben Meyjes Teacher: Mrs Mandy Adcock (Deputy Headteacher) Teaching Assistant: Miss Sophe Wing
Cedar 3 	Teacher: Miss Patience Nleya Teaching Assistant: Mrs Reena Patel

Mrs Adcock (Deputy Head Teacher) will be teaching Maple 3 on a Wednesday. Mr Meyjes will be teaching Maple 3 for the rest of the week.

PPA: The Year 3 teachers' planning time is on a Tuesday afternoon and will be covered by Mr. Steve Johnson, teaching ICT and Madame Vanessa Watson, teaching French.

Home Learning:

Home Learning books go out on a Thursday and need to come in on the following Tuesday. Children will be expected to complete one activity from the home learning grid along with a spelling task each week.

Handwriting:

Year 3 is a really important year for children to become secure in joining their writing. When doing Home Learning, please continue to support your child with practising their cursive letter formation and then joining their letters. Children can earn their Pen Licence for consistent neat handwriting; this means they can then write with a Key Stage 2 Handwriting Pen.



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Reading:

Reading is essential to all of your child's learning. Please try to make reading a special time at home, at least 3 times a week when you share a story or fascinating fact book together and talk about what you have read. This will develop your child's reading comprehension and their love of books.

Times tables:

Times tables are vital for your child's mathematical learning because it makes calculations easier and quicker for them. Therefore, please support your child by helping them practise their times tables regularly. To make it fun, you could use games online, singing and chanting them on the way to school or through playing maths boards games. Your child needs to know their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables.

P.E. Kits:

Please ensure that your child has a full P.E. kit in school on: Monday and Wednesday. Full P.E. kits: House colour T-shirt, black shorts, trainers, tracksuit trousers for outdoor P.E. and a black jumper. Girls need to make sure that their hair is tied back and that they are not wearing any jewellery. Tape will be provided by the children's teacher to cover up any stud earrings.

Parental Support:

If you have any spare time available during the school day we would be very pleased to have your help in our classrooms, possibly reading with children or helping in practical lessons.

Equipment:

Children need to have a water bottle (labelled) in school every day which they can use at break and lunch times.

Sharing Assemblies

Year 3 and 4 Harvest celebration-12th October

Maple 3 – Friday 18th January

Cedar 3 – Friday 1st February

The Year 3 Team:

Mr Ben Meyjes, Miss Patience Nleya, Mrs Mandy Adcock, Miss Sophie Wing and Mrs Reena Patel