



## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter- Spring 2 2024.

Dear parents and carers,

Welcome back! We hope you had a lovely break. We are delighted to share with you the content of the Year 3 curriculum for this half term. We hope that this gives you a window into your child's learning and enables you to have conversations with your child about what is happening in school. We hope that you find this newsletter helpful. If you require further detail about what skills and knowledge will be taught in each subject, please have a look at the curriculum page on our school website. Follow us on X, formerly Twitter, (@HighwoodSchool) where we will continue to share the excellent learning that happens at Highwood. If you have any questions about our curriculum, or any concerns, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Many thanks,

Miss Wing, Mrs Roberts and Mrs Kamboz

### Reminders

**PE lessons are on a Monday and Thursday for both classes.**



*Please ensure your child comes to school in their PE Kit. Also, long hair must be tied back, and no earrings should be worn on PE day.*

**Library** – Tuesday for both classes.



Reading books and spelling books should be in school every day.

### Home Learning



**Home learning book hand in** – your children will bring these home on a Thursday – they need to be handed in on a Tuesday.

Please see home learning grid for further details.

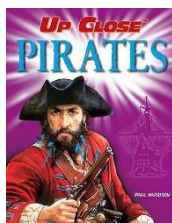
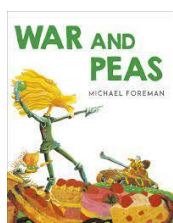
### Daily Home Learning

- Daily reading and sharing stories.
- Learn weekly Spellings
- Daily times tables – TTRS online.

### English



**This half term the children will be reading these key texts:**



**They will be producing the following pieces of written work linked to the key texts:**

A fable based on a model and a non-chronological report.

### Maths

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- Fractions – Finding Fractions of
- Discrete and Continuous Quantities
- Ordering and Comparing Fractions
- Adding and Subtracting Fractions with the same Denominators

### Science: Healthy eating

This half term, the children will learn about a balanced and healthy diet. They will identify the five main food groups and how each food group benefits our bodies. Comparisons with other animal's diets will also encourage children to deepen their understanding of what different animals need to stay healthy. They will also continue to learn about human skeletons and compare these to other animal's skeletons leading on to how muscles help us to move and why exercise is vital for a healthy lifestyle.

## Geography – France

### Big Question: What are the similarities between France and Egypt?

This half term we will be learning about the country France. Children will name and locate the continent of Europe and name surrounding seas as well as neighbouring countries.

They will identify capital cities and understand what constitutes as a city.

The children will learn geographical skills for using maps and atlases. They will learn to recognise some of the symbols on an Ordnance Survey map.

We will learn to identify human and physical features and begin to describe them. They will understand key aspects of physical geography including mountains, coasts and rivers and begin to explore the impact of these.



### What does religion teach us about Justice and Fairness?

This half term, Year 3 will be learning about Justice and Fairness in different religions. We will be learning about different Christian parables, Islamic beliefs and what we do for others that make sure we have a Fair and Just school.

## P.S.H.E- 'Healthy Me'



This half term, the children will be learning about the importance of regular exercise, a healthy, balanced diet and the affects both have on our body. We will be addressing that medicines are drugs, and these can help our bodies if they are taken correctly.

We will also be exploring what it means to feel safe/unsafe, how to recognise when we feel unsafe and who we can approach for help.

### Big Piece:- To design, make and evaluate a healthy 'Afternoon Tea'.

This half term, children will widen their understanding of where ingredients come from and the importance of a healthy and varied diet. They will learn how to prepare different foods using techniques and how to use kitchen equipment safely. They will know about food hygiene and follow these rules when preparing foods.



## Computing

We will be learning about Photography and Digital Art. We will create pop art style portraits using computer skills.

As part of our E-safety learning we will be focussing on usernames and protecting such information.



## Music

This half term, the children will explore salsa rhythms by learning to play a clave rhythm, sing a song and play an accompanying percussion part, composing their own rhythm patterns to incorporate into a whole-class performance.



## P.E

### Creative cog

This half term the children will be learning all about the Creative cog. They will be able to link movements together to fit a theme and begin to make their own rules for games. The fundamental movement skills we are focussing on this half term are coordination, sending and receiving a ball and counter balance with a partner. There will be two personal best challenges linked with the fundamental movement skills including juggling.



## French - Portraits

The children will learn the names for the main parts of the body and colours. They will also learn how to describe someone, understand descriptions and ask questions about physical appearance.