



# Welcome to Year 3

– RESPECT – RESPONSIBILITY – RELATIONSHIPS – RESILIENCE –

## The Y3 Team:

Miss Watson (Class teacher, Kentmere)  
Miss Hubble (Class teacher, Glaramara)  
Mrs Dyer (Teaching Assistant)  
Mrs Wilkinson (Teaching Assistant)

Some lessons will be taught by:

Miss Hildrew (PPA teacher)  
Mrs Lawson (PPA teacher)

## Homework in Y3:

Homework is an important way of practising skills learnt in school. We also know that families are busy and that time for homework can be sparse.

- Mathletics homework where a task will be set each week based upon our learning within lessons.
- TTRS and Numbots is used to secure your child's learning of key number facts. We ask that they go on 3 times a week for 5 minutes.
- Complete EdShed Spelling tasks. These will be linked with the spelling rule that your child is learning in school.
- Please continue to read regularly alongside your child to increase their oral fluency and confidence.

## Key texts we will study in Literacy this year:

These are the books we will use to inspire our writing learning this year. We encourage you to borrow these from the local library and enjoy them at home when they are being studied too.

- The Complete Adventures of Peter Rabbit by Beatrix Potter.
- The Dragon Snatcher by M. P. Robertson
- The Boy Who Grew Dragons by Andy Shepherd
- Stone Age Boy by Satoshi Kitamura
- The Stolen Spear by Saviour Pirotta
- The Invisible by Tom Percival
- The Rhythm of Rain by Grahame Baker-Smith
- A Mummy Ate My Homework by Thiago de Moraes
- Marcy and the Riddle of the Sphinx by Joe Todd-Stanton

## PE Timetable:

Pupils have Indoor PE on Mondays. On Wednesdays during the Autumn term we go swimming. Outdoor PE will be on Thursdays from January onwards. Children should come to school in their correct PE kit and trainers on these days.

## Class Dojo:

Y3 staff will use Class Dojo to communicate key messages or important reminders with you. These will appear in the 'class story' section of Dojo. We hope this will help parents and carers keep informed about what is happening in school.



## Topics we will cover:

Our planned curriculum is broad, balanced and planned to spark interests and curiosity in your children. Here is a brief overview of some of the topics we will cover this year:

Term:	Topics:
Autumn	Stone Age Rocks and Fossils Forces and magnets The Water Cycle Drawing Animation Swimming and Fitness
Spring	Plants The Shang Dynasty Rivers Textiles Programming Dance Playing with pitch
Summer	Ancient Egypt Animals including Humans UK Geography Clay Structures Cooking Tennis Drums and ukuleles

# Other important reminders:

## School day timings:

*“Be at the door by 8:54”*

- School opens from 8:45am for staggered entry. Registers are taken promptly at 8:55am.
- Any child arriving after 8:55am is late and will need to enter school via the main school office.

The school day ends at 3:15pm.

## Family involvement in school life:

We are delighted if parents/grandparents would like to help and be involved in classroom activities. If you are able to offer your time, please see your child’s class teacher. Help with reading and walking children to and from the Leisure Centre for swimming lessons (where applicable) is appreciated.

## School uniform:

Please label all clothing with your child’s name. We have dozens of items of unnamed uniform lost each month across school. Our agreed school uniform can be found on our school website: [Heron Hill Primary School - Uniform](#)

To promote recycling and re-using uniform, Friends of Heron Hill manage a pre-loved uniform swap. Items are free but you can choose to make a small donation (which goes towards funding school visits and special events for our pupils). FOHH holds a termly uniform stall but you can also request items by emailing [admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk](mailto:admin@heronhill.cumbria.sch.uk) If we have uniform items in stock, we will be delighted to pass them on. If you have uniform items which are in good condition but too small for your child, please donate them to the uniform swap.

## Reports and parents' evenings:

There are 2 compulsory parent consultation evenings: one in October, another in March. Written reports are issued in July and reflect your child’s achievements for the whole year. An optional parent consultation is offered after reports, if required.

## Snacks:

All year groups have a morning break each day. This is an ideal time to snack on **fruit, veg sticks, cheese or a healthy snack such as mini rice cakes** to give children a little energy boost until lunchtime. Crisps, sweets and chocolate bars are not permitted. Nuts are also not allowed due to severe allergies in school.

## Water bottles:

All pupils need a named water bottle in school every day. This must not contain juice or squash and should contain water only. Pupils will be encouraged to stay hydrated through the school day as this is good for their brain health and concentration.

## Lunchtime:

Our catering provider TNS provide a high-quality range of hot school meals daily for the price of £3.25 per meal. The latest menu is visible on the SCOPay platform which is also where you can place orders.

If preferred, a packed lunch can be provided by home. This must contain a balanced meal and not include large quantities of high-sugar products. Nuts and peanuts are not permitted in school under any circumstances. Please check lunchbox items to ensure they do not contain nuts/peanuts.

