

Houghton Regis Primary School

'Where Everyone Matters and Every Day Counts'



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Dear Parents and Carers,

As we begin our first half term of Year 3, we would like to share with you the key topics and themes that your children will be exploring over the coming weeks.

In **Mathematics**, we will begin with a unit on place value, focusing on representing numbers up to 1,000. Next, we will explore addition and subtraction of three-digit numbers. We will also have weekly TTRockstars lessons to further develop our times tables and number fluency.

In **English**, during the first four weeks we will be developing our writing skills by covering a 'Place Value of Punctuation and Grammar' unit to help us embed Year 3 grammar, punctuation and spelling within our writing. We will then move onto writing a non-chronological report linked to our Stone Age topic. We will also be completing weekly guided reading tasks. The children will be taking home reading books, please can they read at home at least 3 times per week and have an adult sign their orange reading record.

During **Science** our topic will be *Rocks and Soils*. This will include comparing and contrasting different types of rocks, understanding how fossils are formed and observing and investigating soils from different areas. We will work scientifically: Gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways to help in answering questions.

In our **Religious Education** lessons, we will learn about Hinduism. We will be discussing how is faith expressed in Hindu communities and traditions?

In **PSHE**, we will follow the Jigsaw programme, focusing on the theme of 'Being Me in my World.'

During our **Art** lessons, the children will create dioramas, using appropriate materials and techniques.

In our **Computing sessions**, we will be learning how computer systems and networks work when using the Internet. We will discuss the importance of keeping networks secure whilst using the internet.

In **Spanish**, we will be focusing on '*Family members and Numbers*'. We will learn how to say key words and phrases in Spanish focusing on introducing ourselves and describing family members.

During our **History** lessons, our focus will be the Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be learning about changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. This would include: Late Neolithic hunter-gatherers and early farmers, Bronze Age religion, technology and travel, tribal kingdoms, farming, art and culture.

In our **Outdoor PE** sessions our theme is '*Game Sense Invasion: Football*'. The focus of the learning will include looking at what makes an effective team with the focus on collaboration. They will learn how to work as a team to beat an opponent using effective collaboration skills. Our **Indoor PE** will focus on Health and Wellbeing – Mindfulness'. Year 3 will have **PE** on a Monday and Fridays. Children are to come to school wearing their PE kits on these days.

House Names - here is a reminder of our new house names and colours:

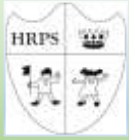
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Homework:

English/Maths: The children have targeted English and Maths homework set on a Friday and is due the following Wednesday. *The children will bring home their homework books on a Friday.*

Spellings: Spellings will be given out on a Friday to be learnt and then tested the following Thursday. The children will bring their spellings home in a yellow spelling book, where you will be able to see their spelling score and any highlighted spellings they may need to work on.

Reading: Please ensure children are reading at least 3 times a week at home and their reading records kept up to date. Reading records will be checked every Friday.

Key Dates for Year 3 – Autumn 1

Monday 15 th September 2025	Clubs to start this week
Wednesday 1 st October 2025	Coffee afternoon led by Zoe Francois (Mental Health Support Team) 3pm-4pm (Hall)
Monday – Wednesday 8th October - 15th October 2025	Book Fair- before and after school in the conservatory
Monday 27th October— Friday 31st October 2025	Half-Term
Monday 3 rd November 2025	INSET DAY—school closed for all children

Thank you for your continued support. Should you have any questions or would like further information, please do not hesitate to ask us at the classroom door or via our Class Dojo.

Yours sincerely,

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