



# CLASS: Y3 ELM AND Y3 WILLOW

## Learning Letter SPRING TERM 2025

MISS LAWTON, MISS LEE, MRS MCMEEKIN

After a very successful first term at Lowerhouse Junior School, we now look ahead to another term full of exciting learning opportunities and challenges. A huge thank you to all families for their support over the last term. This has ensured that all children have made a fantastic start to life at Lowerhouse and have settled in brilliantly.

### General reminders

A reminder that Year 3's day starts at **8.45 am** and finishes at **3.25 pm**. At home time, please support us in ensuring that your child is sent home safely by standing at the **back of the playground** whilst the children are dismissed. Staff will then send the children to the adult (**must be 16 or over**), who has come to collect. If somebody different is collecting your child on a particular day, whether this is a one-off or a long standing arrangement, then please let us know via the school office.



Please note that, apart from PE days, full school uniform should be worn. Uniform can be ordered at [www.schooltrends.co.uk](http://www.schooltrends.co.uk)

### Year 3 Updates

Our PE days will continue to be Tuesdays and Thursdays, for the Spring Term. PE will be taught by Mr Whitlam from FUNDA.

Take a look at our class pages to see what we have been working on:

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On the days that your child has a PE lesson, your child can come into school dressed in the **correct PE kit** as below. On all other days when your child does **not** have a PE lesson, your child **must wear full school uniform and black, closed toe school shoes.**

On the days when your child has a PE lesson, your child should come to school dressed as follows:

- Navy blue PE T-shirt (as now)
- Navy blue PE shorts (as now)
- Usual school navy blue (Y3 - Y5) or purple (Y6) sweatshirt with school logo
- Navy blue, plain, full length jogging pants or thick, black full length leggings
- Plain white or white sports socks
- Trainers (ideally these should be plain black but your child will be able to wear the trainers that they have worn in their PE lesson so far this term). **Football and other types of sports boots are not allowed for PE lessons**
- All hair that is long enough should be tied up with a blue, black or brown bobble
- Jewellery, including earrings, is not allowed. A watch can be worn.

## Reading

We continue to have a big focus on reading in Year 3, as this is vital for your child's progress across the curriculum.

Our school expectation is that children read at home a minimum of three times per week and that reading records are signed by an adult to reflect this.

Please ensure that reading books and reading records are returned to school daily, as this will help us to monitor your child's progress.

Children will also continue to take part in four guided reading sessions per week. These group sessions will ensure that your child is reading a variety of texts, matched closely to their reading level and gaining invaluable reading skills and a love of reading. Reading for pleasure also continues to be promoted at Lowerhouse Junior School.



## Mathematics

This term we will continue to use the Red Rose Mastery approach in all lessons, which the children have adapted well to last term.

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Our Maths units in Spring 1 will cover Shape, Place Value (Addition and Subtraction), Multiplication, Fractions, Division, and Volume, Capacity & Mass. In Spring 2 we will cover 2D Shape, Addition and Subtraction and Statistics, Fractions, Position and Direction, and Time.

Please encourage your child to continue to use Times Tables Rock Stars to help with the number facts. Log-in details for your child will be found in the front of their reading record book.



### English



In English, we will be looking at the story *The Iron Man* by Ted Hughes. This will form the basis for our narrative units. After half term our focus will be non-fiction. We aim to produce an information leaflet all about The Romans and so will be conducting lots of research, using a variety of non-fiction texts to help us to do this.



This term we will continue our work on the Y3 Red Rose Spelling Programme. There will continue to be no formal spelling test. Instead, there will be an activity sent home each week for you to complete with your child. This will be linked to the spelling focus for that week.

Handwriting will continue to be taught weekly, with a focus on correct letter formation, joins and legibility.

### Science

This half term our science focus will be Forces and Magnets. We will be conducting lots of practical activities to support our learning. After half term, we will be learning about Skeletons and Muscles.

### Geography

This half term we will be looking at the Lake District, including what makes it a National Park, what its physical features are, settlements and land use, as well as developing our mapping skills in the context of the area.

### History

Our topic for Spring 2 is all about the Ancient Greeks. We will be focusing on life, achievements and leadership skills of Ancient Athens and Sparta.

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# HOMEWORK

Following our updated school policy, we would like all children to read at home a minimum of three times per week, practice their weekly spellings and continue to learn and practice their times tables.

## Other exciting areas of our curriculum

Here at Lowerhouse Junior School we provide a broad and balanced curriculum and provide our children with as many learning opportunities as possible.

- All children will continue to take part in a weekly French lesson, taught by Mrs McMeekin
- PSHE is taught weekly, with a range of discussions and activities taking place. We will also be working on our Linking Network project within PSHE
- RE is taught weekly, in both classes.
- Weekly Computing sessions will also take place, focusing on Year 3 skills.
- Weekly Music sessions will also take place, using the Charanga scheme.
- All children will take part in collective worship, assemblies and achievement assemblies on a weekly basis.
- Our Art focus this half term is sculptures, specifically working with clay. After February half term we will be looking at leavers and linkages in D.T.

## Extra Information

Thank you again for your support during your child's first term at Lowerhouse. Please communicate with school should you have any questions or concerns about your child's learning or any other issue. This can be done by contacting the school office by telephone or email (admin@lowerhouse.lancs.sch.uk) to arrange a telephone call or meeting with your child's class teacher.

Please check the school website regularly for updates, particularly your child's class page.

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## Class Dojo

- Please sign up to Class Dojo via the QR code shared with your children. This will enable you to see all the fantastic learning taking place in your child's class.



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