

Year 3

Miss Lawton and Miss Lee

Learning Letter

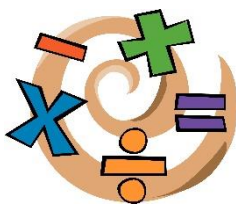
Autumn 2024

Hello and welcome to Year 3!

All the staff at Lowerhouse Junior School and in particular the Year 3 staff would like to take this opportunity to welcome our new Year 3 children. We are delighted with the way in which the children have started school and look forward to a wonderful year ahead.

<u>Staffing</u>	
<u>Elm</u>	<u>Willow</u>
Miss Lawton – Class Teacher	Miss Lee – Class Teacher
Mrs McMeekin – Class T.A. and PPA cover	
Mr Chadwick – Specialist Teacher (P.E.)	

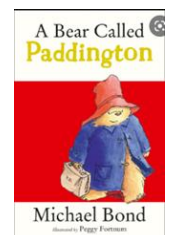
Mathematics



This term, the children will be focusing on Place Value, Length and Perimeter, Statistics, Addition and Subtraction, Multiplication and Division, Time and 3-D Shape. We will have a daily 15-minute Arithmetic lesson, separate to the Maths lesson, to develop the children's knowledge and understanding of Arithmetic involving the four operations. We will begin by consolidating the Year 2 arithmetic expectations, before moving on to Year 3 content. We will have daily times tables sessions, designed to improve rapid recall of multiplication facts.

English

Over the next term, Year 3 will be exploring both fiction and non-fiction texts. Our first unit is focused on A Bear Called Paddington, where we will look at Novel as a Theme, followed by a unit on non-fiction, which will see us produce our own non-fiction leaflets on London tourist attractions. After half term, our English work will be linked to the story of The Green Children. We will look at folk tales, and two more non-fiction units (instructions and letters). We will have a daily, fifteen-minute spelling session. During these sessions we will



revise previously taught words and spelling rules, learn new spelling words and begin to learn the Year 3 statutory spelling words. Handwriting will also be taught and practiced twice a week, with an initial focus on correct pencil grip, letter formation and joins.

History



In History, our enquiry question this term is **How did life change for children within pre-history?** We will learn about what children's lives were like, and how their lives changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age.

Geography

This term, our Geography enquiry question is **What are the unique features of the United Kingdom?** We will find out what is meant by the term 'county' and identify our county as well as the counties that surround us, using a range of maps. We will learn about what is meant by human and physical features and make our own maps of our local area, including human and physical features on these. We will also identify places as urban or rural.



Science



In Science, our enquiry question for Autumn 1 is: **Why are health and nutrition important?** We will learn about the terms 'carnivore,' 'herbivore' and 'omnivore.' We will look at different food groups, including how they affect our bodies, and the importance of exercise and a balanced diet.

In Autumn 2, we will be learning about: **Rocks.** We will compare and group rocks based on their appearance and their physical properties. We will research how fossils and different types of rocks are formed. We will also investigate what soil is made up of.



Other exciting areas of our curriculum

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

Art - In Autumn 1 we are looking at Aboriginal Art, exploring artist links and developing sketching techniques before creating our own Aboriginal-inspired paintings. In Autumn 2 our D.T. topic is textiles where the children create their own weaving looms that they will use to create an A4 floor mat which incorporates a range of textures and textiles.

R.E. - In Autumn 1 we are looking at Christianity with a focus on God. In Autumn 2 we move on to Islam with a one-off lesson on Humanism.

Computing - In Autumn 1 we will look at computing systems and networks. In Autumn 2 we will create media using stop-frame animation.

Music - This year we are using the Charanga music scheme to deliver the curriculum. In Autumn 1 the unit is Let Your Spirit Fly. In Autumn 2 we will use our Music lessons to prepare our Y3 Christmas Performance.

P.S.H.E. – As a school we will continue to use the Dot.Com scheme to deliver these lessons. There will be one lesson each week which will incorporate a variety of discussions and activities. In addition to this, we will take part in The Linking Network, which will see us linking up with another school, to celebrate our similarities and differences.

M.F.L. – All children in Year 3 will take part in a weekly French lesson which is taught by the class T.A.

P.E. - Year 3 will have their PE lessons on Tuesday and Thursday. These will be taught by Mr Chadwick, our Specialist P.E. Teacher. Please note the below information from our school's uniform

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.

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Homework

Home-reading – Children will shortly receive their reading books to bring home. They will get a chance to pick their own reading book from their book band selection. They will have a week to read this book. An adult will need to sign the child's home-school reading record at least once per week. **We expect all children to bring their book and reading record in every day and that their record is signed 3 times a week.**



Times Table Rock Stars will be set every Friday to be completed for the following Friday. This gives the one week in which to complete their homework. You will find your child's log-in details on the inside cover of their home-school reading record. The website for this is www.ttrockstars.com

Children's spellings will also be given out on a Friday and are to be returned the following Friday for their weekly spelling test. Each week will be linked to a different spelling focus related directly to the children's spelling sessions.



Additional Information

All children will take part in collective worship, assemblies and achievement assemblies on a weekly basis. Lower Key Stage 2 assemblies will take place on Monday mornings, with all families invited to attend. If your child is receiving an award in the assembly then you will be notified by text on the Friday before.

Thank you all for your support during your child's move to 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 with your child's class teacher.

Class webpages will be updated fortnightly to ensure that you are kept up to date with what is going on in school and can be found here: www.lowerhousejunior.co.uk/class-pages/ Weekly newsletters are also added to the website each Monday.

Please ensure that all photograph permission slips and contact detail information has been updated for the new academic year. These letters are on your child's class page on the school website.