



# Curriculum letter

## Year 3

The new term has got underway and the children are settling back into their routines and lessons very well.

This term we will be covering two topics, first being 'Meet the Flintstones' and the second 'Super Heroes.'

Over the coming term we will be learning about:

### **Maths**

Number and place value

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division

Fractions and decimals

Measurement

Properties of shape

Graphs

Mental strategies and all multiplication tables

Investigations

### **English**

Narrative - Fantasy stories

Non-Fiction - Explanation texts

Report writing

Instructions

Poetry - Vocabulary building

Structure - Haiku, Tanka and Kennings

Weekly comprehension, handwriting, spelling, punctuation and Grammar tasks.

### **Science**

We will be studying types of rocks. Children will learn to compare different types of rocks through their properties.

Followed by forces and magnets.

### **Geography**

This term in year 3 we will be learning about location, longitude, latitude and the equator.

### History

We will be exploring the Stone Age to Iron Age and how it developed over time. We will examine and compare artifacts to discover how archeologists piece together discoveries from the past. This topic will also cover how society was organized, religion and beliefs and exploring art work and forms of communication.

### Art/D.T

This term we will be looking at early cave paintings and investigating the materials used. The children will be recreating Stone Age art using charcoal, chalk, pastels and clay.

Next term in DT children will be learning a range of skills and techniques for making wooden structures. They will learn how to use tools safely.

### Computing

This term in computing we will be learning about 'E' Safety - How to keep safe when using the internet.

Later in the term we will also be learning how to use the internet for effective research.

### Music

Exploring rhythmic patterns and arrangements. Using percussion instruments and listening to music from around the world.

### PE

Children will take part in a range of Athletic activities and use compass and map work to develop orientation skills.

### Homework

Homework will be given on a Thursday to be returned on the following Wednesday, which will include a piece of Maths and English, related to the week's learning. Spellings will also be given to the children on a Thursday and tested on the following Thursday. There may be other homework set, on occasions, relating to one of our topics of study.

The homework will be marked in class with the children. This enables us to identify any misconceptions and give them a better understanding.

If there is a problem completing homework, please communicate this in your child's homework book/worksheet or speak directly to the class teacher.

It is of enormous importance that the children read **every** day, for at least **30** minutes. We suggest helping your child develop a good understanding of what they are reading, by discussing it. For example; asking what they think is going to happen next or what they like /dislike about characters in the story. We also ask that you sign their reading record books regularly. This is an opportunity for you to comment on your child's reading and let us know how you feel they are getting on.

School website: [www.highfield.hillingdon.sch.uk](http://www.highfield.hillingdon.sch.uk)

**PE** is twice a week on Wednesday morning and Thursday afternoon. Can you make sure that your child's PE kit stays on their peg for the half term to avoid missing out on this excellent opportunity for healthy exercise.

We hope this will help you to understand all the activities and learning your child will be involved in this term. If you have any queries please make an appointment see your class teacher after school.

Mrs Frier  
Fox Class Teacher

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Miss Dewar  
Dolphin Class Teacher

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