



**EUXTON
PRIMROSE HILL**
Primary School
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Autumn Term Curriculum Letter – Year 3 Rivington

Dear Parents/Carers of Year 3 Rivington,

Welcome to the start of a new school year at Primrose Hill. We are delighted to welcome the children back and hope they are as excited about the year ahead as we are. I would like to share an overview of what we will be learning this term.

In English, we will be exploring a range of engaging texts while developing our grammar, punctuation and writing skills. Reading at home remains one of the most important ways you can support your child's learning. This year, we will celebrate children who read at least three times each week. Please record your child's reading in their reading record within the *Showbie Homework and Home Reading* folder. As books become longer in Year 3, you may wish to record pages or chapters read rather than waiting until a book has been completed. Reading records will be counted each week and celebrated through our class reading display.

In Maths, we will be focusing on place value and developing confidence with mental and written calculation methods for all four operations. By the end of Year 3, children are expected to know their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, 10 and 11 times tables, along with the related division facts. Regular practice at home will help children become fluent and confident.

Our main history topic this term is the Stone Age to the Iron Age. Children will explore how people's lives changed over time, looking at daily life, key developments and significant events from these periods. In Science, we will begin by investigating rocks, fossils and soils before moving on to forces and magnets later in the term.

Through PSHE, children will learn about keeping safe, making responsible choices and staying safe online. In RE, we will be learning about Christianity and Islam, including how people express their beliefs and traditions.

In Computing, children will develop their programming and coding skills, create an iMovie and learn more about online safety, including the importance of strong passwords and being part of positive online communities.

PE lessons will take place on **Wednesday and Thursday**. This term, we will be developing fundamental movement skills, participating in invasion games and improving our gymnastics skills. Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit on these days. As some sessions will take place outdoors, a tracksuit is recommended as the weather becomes cooler later in the term.

Our Art and DT work will link closely to our Stone Age topic. Children will develop their drawing and painting skills and will also design and make a Stone Age or Iron Age themed mechanical book using levers and linkages. In French, children will begin learning greetings, introductions and simple conversational phrases.

Spelling lessons will begin during the week commencing 7th September. We use the Emile spelling programme, and weekly spelling activities will be available in the Showbie *Homework and Home Reading* folder for children to practise at home. This folder will also contain information about what we are learning in English and Maths, along with suggestions for how you can support your child at home.

As you can see, it is going to be a busy, exciting and rewarding Autumn Term in Year 3. If you have any particular interests, skills or expertise linked to any of our topics, we would love to hear from you.

I hope your child enjoys a fantastic year in Year 3. If you have any questions or concerns at any point throughout the year, please do not hesitate to get in touch.

Warm regards,

Mr Davies