



Here's a big, warm welcome to our Year Three page at Hambleton Primary Academy, here we hope you find everything you need to know about us, if not please do not hesitate to contact us for further information.

Firstly, let's get to know the Year 3 teaching staff:

Class Teacher – Miss Crayston (off on a Thursday)

Thursday cover – Mrs Blundell

PPA Cover for Miss Crayston – Mr Goldie

Teaching Assistant – Mrs Rea (Shared with Year 4)

We will also be welcoming two SCITT students throughout the year into Year 3.

In Year 3 we follow our bespoke Hambleton Curriculum which is tailored to the needs of the children in our school. It is a creative and engaging approach based on the National Curriculum which makes sure the children learn and develop knowledge and skills appropriate for their year group. We will be working hard to develop our existing skills from key Stage 1 as well as learning lots of new and exciting things this year! Each half term you will receive a curriculum newsletter which updates you on the learning which will take place in school, including any enrichments we will take part in to further enhance our learning.

We ensure every lesson meets the needs of the whole class and endeavour that each child succeeds in their learning. We include adaptive teaching methods which allow for all children to access the learning in Year 3. Children have lots of opportunities to respond to feedback both verbally and in their own books in green pen or pencil, they are also given time to correct any mistakes from the previous lesson, our Hambleton motto is 'we are never done'. They may also be given 'Challenge Time', whereby children are given a linked task that encourages them to apply their learning further, this may be through Being the Teacher or Being a Designer.

Children's progress is monitored regularly by Miss Crayston and Mrs Wood. After discussions with you, as the parents/carers, intervention will be put in place to support your child as and when it is needed. We work closely with Mrs Blundell, the school's SENDCO, and will be lucky enough to have her teaching in Year 3 every Thursday.

Through our bespoke curriculum we are able to provide a broad and engaging range of knowledge and skills which entices all children into wanting to be the best they can be, our FCAT moto. Our Year 3 curriculum fosters a love for learning, whether that be through the class text we are reading, the enrichment activities booked or the involvement of you as families, we really do put the children first.

Reading is an open door to awe and wonder of the world, and in our Year 3 classroom we ensure a range of texts and genres are read and explored and we love it when we see this happening at home too. We thrive on the reading for pleasure and hope all children leave our classroom wanting to turn the next page in their books to find out more! We foster a love of reading across our school. We will listen to children read throughout the school week and regularly check that they have understood what they are reading, through conversations or formal assessments. If ready, they will then be moved to the next reading level. Our library is the hub of our school and will aid our children's pleasure for reading throughout the year where they will bring home a book to share with you, read in the den or sneak away to the garden under a tree to enjoy.

Cross-curricular learning is at the heart of all our topics and we ensure a relevant link is made to all subjects, making our learning purposeful. We work closely alongside Year 2 and this guarantees a progression of knowledge and skills taught. Transition in Autumn term is aided by the knowledge we

have as a team to ensure each child is happy in school and striving to be proud and ambitious every day. We are inclusive and are always here to support your child grow and enjoy their learning as well as ensuring they are achieving the most at home too.

We also begin to place more emphasis on the learning of times tables in Year 3. The expectation by the end of the year is that children are fluent and able to recall; 2x, 5x, 10x, 3x, 4x, and 8x tables. However, once the children move into Year Four, there is a Government Set Multiplication Check that by the summer term, all times tables are known and learnt fluently. Anything you can do to help that knowledge go in and stay in is fantastic. We have listed some suggestions to support your child:

1. Practise regularly and go back and repeat tables, previously practised.
2. Sing tables in the car; at mealtimes; before bed; walking the dog; at any spare minute!
3. Put a poster around the house somewhere they'll see it and engage with it.
4. Download and access Times Table Rockstars daily.

During this year we will promote the Year 3 child's love of learning, independence and curiosity. This will be supported by our entitlement enrichment experiences, which further our skills and understanding of the wider world past the school walls. These will be documented on our school's Facebook page with photos uploaded as and when they happen.

Homework in Year 3 is set every Friday. The children will receive their three reading books (pleasure, fluency and breadth) as well as their ten weekly spellings, appropriate for them, a quiz is given every Friday morning and scores recorded in their records. We will change our library books every Wednesday in the school library, as mentioned above. Google Classroom will be used to set the weekly homework. We also have a range of log ins for the children to develop their learning on apps including; Timetables Rockstars, Language Angels, Spelling Shed and the e-library, please see the APP letter given to you at the start of the year's well as being glued in their reading records.

P.E is every Monday and Friday afternoon in year 3. Please make sure your child comes to school in the full and correct PE kit. We will be going outside no matter the weather this year so please make sure the correct clothing is worn or brought to school.

We look forward to supporting and encouraging your child's amazing learning this year in Year 3. We will be working alongside you to ensure a happy, supported and thriving child at both home and school. We continue to have an open-door policy in Year 3 and encourage parents to come and see us if they have any queries. If of importance please do not hesitate to let Mrs Shaw know or to speak to one of us in the morning/home time.

So that is all from us, here's to an amazing, fun and creative year.

Miss Crayston, Mrs Rea and Mrs Blundell

Your Year 3 Staff Team