PUDSEY LOWTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bringing Learning to Life

YEAR 3 CLASS NEWSLETTER

AUTUMN 1

DEAR PARENTS AND CARERS,

Welcome back to Lowtown and welcome to Year 3! I hope you have had a fantastic summer and the children got some well-earned rest. The children have had a great first week back, coming with a fantastic positive attitude to learning and have been eager to embrace the challenges that Year 3 brings. This year there are many exciting things planned throughout, including the children taking part in a session of learning in the woodland. These sessions will enhance the curriculum and will link to the topics we are covering in class. Please ensure that children have appropriate clothing and footwear for these sessions, as they will run whatever the weather. A waterproof coat and wellies are essential in case it is muddy underfoot.

There will be a 'Meet the Teacher' session, in which I will go through the curriculum and routines of Year 3 in more detail, it will be great to meet you all. As always, if you need to talk to me about any issues regarding your child – I am always available – please ring, email or speak to me at the end of the day.

WHAT WE WILL BE LEARNING

Writing: We will start the year using a range of pictures and writing descriptively about them. We will focus on sentence construction and handwriting. Afterwards, we will be using the picture book The Tin Forest to write a setting description about the two different forests featured in it. Finally, we will be linking a non-fiction piece of writing to our History focus week.

Reading: This year we will be using the VIPERS question stems over a broad range of texts – poetry, fiction and non-fiction. To support this, children need to be reading consistently at home, as it really makes a huge difference to their fluency, comprehension and writing skills. Please ensure that you are signing their reading logs when they do read – thank you.

Maths: We will begin the year looking at place value before moving on to addition and subtraction. During the place value unit, we will explore numbers up to a thousand by comparing, ordering and partitioning the numbers. Alongside this, we will be learning the times tables as well as completing weekly arithmetic assessments, as these skills underpin all aspects of Mathematics.

KEY REMINDERS

Homework: Will be given out on a Monday and must be returned the following Monday. This will consist of maths arithmetic questions, weekly reading comprehension and daily reading. If your child would like to attend Homework Club (Mondays 3.15 – 4.15) to help them complete their homework each week. Please complete the google form sent by the school office to have them added to the register.

Reading: It is expected that your child reads 5 times per week. Please make sure their reading log is signed by an adult after every read. Reading logs will be checked every Friday morning. Reading fluency and understanding is a huge part of children becoming successful learners across the entire curriculum so we thank you in advance for supporting your child with this.

Times tables: Each week we have a times tables test so please encourage your child to practice their times tables and learn the table they are on. Your child has their own TTRS login and can use the site to practice times tables and take part in any 'Battles' set.

PE: PE day is on Thursday afternoon. Please send your child in their PE kits on this day. Please also see the Leeds jewellery directive for schools.

Jewellery: Leeds schools received a directive which states that children should not wear ANY form of jewellery including religious for PE and physical activity. Please note that if your child is chosen for a sports event run by Leeds they will not be able to participate in any Leeds sports events whilst wearing any form of jewellery including stud earrings.
We are going to follow this guidance and now ask that all earrings are removed for PE and sports events.

Uniform & Indoor Footwear
It is important that children are coming to school with a coat and suitable footwear. We go outside in all weather. Children are also required to have a pair of pumps or indoor shoes to help maintain the cleanliness of the carpets in school.

Forest School
Children are required to bring a waterproof coat and wellington boots/waterproof shoes for our forest school sessions on Wednesdays in a seperate named bag.

Year 3 — Autumn 1

Time												
Day	8.55-9.15	9.15-10.15	10.15-10.30	10.30 - 10.45	10:45 — 11:00	10.45-12.00	12.00-1.00	Session 3 1.00-1.30	Session 4 1.30-2.15	Session 5 2.15—3.00	Story 3.00-3.15	Finish
Mon	EMT	Maths	Spelling	Break	Assembly	Reading comp	Lunch	Reading—3 read	Music / Reading comp	PSHE	Homework	
Tues	Arithmetic	Maths	Spelling		Handwriting	English		Reading—3 read	RE	Spanish	Class Novel	
Wed	Woodlands		Spelling		Handwriting	English		Reading—3 read	Computing		Class novel	
Thurs	EMT	Maths	Spelling		Votes for school	English		PE			Class novel	
Fri	Arithmetic	Maths	Spelling		Assembly	English		Reading—3 read	Science		Class novel	

Key Dates Academic Year 2026 - 2027

Monday 28th September – Friday 2nd October	**History Week**
Monday 28th September	**Year 3 and Year 6 Trip to Murton Park**
Wednesday 30th September	**Year 2 Trip to Armley Mills**
Friday 9th October	**Tempest Individual and Sibling Photographs**
Tuesday 13th October	**Influenza Vaccination**
Wednesday 14th October	**School Discos**
Thursday 15th October	**Open Evening – Pupils starting school September 2027**
Friday 16th October	**Languages Day**
Monday 19th October – Wednesday 21st October	**Bikeability Y6**
Friday 23rd October	**Mapping Day**
Monday 26th October – Friday 30th October	**Half Term – School closed to all**
Monday 1st November	**School Reopens**
Monday 1st November – Wednesday 3rd November	**Herd Farm Residential Year 5**