



# Handale Primary School

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## Year 3 Newsletter Spring 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian,

Welcome back to school and welcome to Year 3. We are really excited to finally have all of the children back in school and are looking forward to a busy autumn term. As you are aware, your child will have two teachers this year, Mrs Porter, working Monday and Tuesday as well as Wednesday and Thursday mornings and Mrs Brodie who works Wednesday and Thursday afternoons as well as Fridays. We are also fortunate to have the support of Mrs Robinson during parts of the week. This term has a lot to offer the children and we are sure that they will rise to the challenge.

### Autumn Term Learning

Our first half term will have a geography focus about the UK. Children will develop their knowledge and understanding of cities, counties, mountains and rivers that can be found in the UK. In art, they will develop their pencil skills to create British landscape drawings, inspired by the British artist Henry Moore. In English, children will be writing stories inspired by the famous British author, Ted Hughes and our class text is *The Iron Man*. Children will design, make and evaluate their own Iron Man in design technology lessons.

As well as focussing on the UK, children will also learn about forces in science, drugs, alcohol and tobacco education in PSHE and they will consider rules in RE. PE will take place every Tuesday afternoon and children will develop ball skills in invasion and net games as well as taking part in dance and gymnastics across the Autumn term. In addition to this, children will learn about E-safety and digital literacy in computing and will also begin MFL lessons. Children will have a weekly music lesson throughout the Autumn term.

During the second half of the term, children will write non-chronological reports about dragons in English, using our class text – *How to Train Your Dragon*- for inspiration. We will move to a history focus during this half term and children will focus on changes in Britain from the Stone Age to Iron Age. In science, children will learn about light.

Throughout the autumn term, children will learn about numbers to 1000, addition and subtraction as well as multiplication and division in maths.

As you can see, we have a very busy term packed full of learning!

### Reading at home and in school

Separate information will be sent out to give you information about this terms 'Read for the Stars'. It is essential that pupils read at home to an adult at least three times a week and have their reading record signed accordingly. Children will also read weekly to adults in school, both in group sessions and individually. Children will change their books every Monday. We don't expect your child to read a book a night, a couple of pages is acceptable and this way your child won't get bored. Last year's reading parties were a huge success and we will be doing the same thing this term so get those three weekly reads in!

**Homework**

Homework in the Autumn Term will involve children learning their spellings, in preparation for their weekly test on a Friday morning, and completing their reading practice three times per week. In addition to this, pupils will receive a piece of Maths homework weekly. We are conscious that we do not wish to overburden our pupils but know that many of you enjoy completing extra activities with your children and we would encourage you to continue to do so – please feel free to carry out your own research about your child's topic. Something like a piece of artwork or a game is always great to share with the class and can add valuable contributions to our curriculum.

**School Trips**

Due to recent events, we don't have an Autumn Term trip planned currently but we do aim to take the children out into the local area during in the term to further our learning in school. More information will be sent out to you regarding this. Library visits will also take place at some point this term, again, more information will be sent out regarding this.

**PE Kit**

Please make sure children have a white top, black shorts and appropriate PE shoes in school in their PE bag provided by school every Monday and we will send it home for washing on a Friday. Black tracksuit bottoms can also be worn during winter.

We are really pleased that we can get back to some normality and be together in school again. The children have had a brilliant first week back and have already demonstrated how hard they can work. We can't wait to be a part of their amazing achievements this year.

Thank you,

Mrs Porter and Mrs Brodie

