

Lions' Class

Autumn Newsletter



Welcome to Lions class! I hope you all had a relaxing summer holiday filled with lots of laughter and memories you'll cherish. Year 3 is the start of your journey in Key Stage 2 so there will be some changes to what you're used to. Hopefully, this letter will explain a bit more about Year 3 and our learning in autumn term. Miss Poole is the class teacher and Mrs Brown and Mrs Bowers are our classroom assistants.

Literacy	Maths	Science	Geography/History
We are going to be exploring setting descriptions while writing journey stories. We will be refining our descriptive writing through different styles of sentences and the use of our senses.	Lions will start by looking at number sense and calculation strategies before moving onto looking at place value and graphs before half term.	This half term we are going to be looking at animals including humans where we will be looking at nutrition, the skeleton, muscles and joints. A knowledge organiser will be on its way to you so please read and quiz regularly.	The first three weeks of this term will be focusing on map work in geography before moving onto our history unit of Stone Age to Iron Age. Again, look out for our knowledge organisers.

PE

This term, Lions' class will have PE on Wednesdays and swimming at Haverhill Leisure Centre on Monday mornings. Please make sure all kit is labelled, including swim hats and towels as we don't want anything lost. If your child does not have PE kit, they will unfortunately have to miss that lesson. Please ensure that earrings are removed before the day of the session and hair is tied back.

ClassDojo

Please continue to use ClassDojo to share any messages and keep track of what is happening in our classroom. This is where you will get regular updates about our learning and any information you may need to know.

Homework and Spellings

Homework and spellings will be sent out on a Friday to be completed by the following Wednesday. I appreciate there are some occasions where homework may not make sense, so please find me on the Monday or Tuesday so we can go through it together. Alternatively, catch me on Dojo.

After school collection

The Lions' class are dismissed from our classroom door located between the back of the hall and the Cougars' classroom. Please let me know if there are any changes to the person picking up your child in the morning or on ClassDojo.

Accelerated Reader

Now that the children are in Year 3, they are moving away from the banded reading system into Accelerated Reader.

At the beginning of each half term, the children will take something called a **Star Reader** quiz, which will provide them with a reader range. They will then choose a book from the library that they will take home and read, ideally with an adult, and discuss giving them a chance to practice their inference skills. Once the book has been read, the children will come back to school with a signed note, in learning logs, from an adult to say they are ready to take a comprehension quiz on that book. The children will do this in our reading sessions independently, with their book as a reference and then choose a new book for the process to start all over again.

Accelerated Reader is a programme that tracks the children's understanding of the books they are reading rather than focusing on the word reading itself. The reading ranges are based on the difficulty of questions on the quizzes the children will take, **not** the books they are reading. Some of the books will say 'stage 8' but this is not an indication of their reading level.