



Healey Foundation Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2024



English

Whole Class Reading—We will be trialling the use of a set of new fluency books in class, building up speed and expression when reading. We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction extracts and stories and answering written comprehension questions.

Our first text will be '**The Tear Thief**'. We will be improving our vocabulary and using similes and expanded noun phrases in order to write letters, diary entries, instructions, poems and reports.

We will be using a range of punctuation correctly including capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes, inverted commas and commas in a list.

Weekly spellings to be learnt at home

Joined up Handwriting—correct letter formation and pencil grip using precursive or continuous cursive handwriting.

Maths

There will be a big focus this term on multiplication and division and their related facts. Children will be expected to learn their times tables so they can answer questions rapidly without using their fingers. We will be learning

* How to represent and partition 3 digit numbers

* Reading and writing numbers up to 1000

* Counting in tens, fifties and 100s up to 1000

* Counting in 2s, 3s, 5s and 10s from zero and back from 100

* **Rapid time tables recall for 2x, 5x and 10x tables (6 seconds to answer)**

* **New Times Tables—3 x tables, 4 x tables and 8 x tables, starting with counting in multiples of 3, 4 and 8.**

Geography— Locational Knowledge and simple map work

Finding and naming the UK main cities, seas, rivers, hills and mountains. Understand and use directions using the four points of a compass.

History— Ancient Egypt

Finding out what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians including their beliefs, inventions and achievements.

MUSIC—Chinese New Year

To learn about the music used to celebrate the Chinese New Year festival.

To accurately write and perform a pentatonic melody

To perform a group composition

Design and Technology

Making a healthy sandwich

Computing

Touch Typing

Learning how to use the home, top and bottom keys and begin to use both hands to type

Science - Forces and Magnets

Understanding that a force is a push or pull and forces make an object go faster or slower, start or stop.

Understanding how friction works

Recognising and using a range of different magnets

Exploring metals that are magnetic and non-magnetic

PE Full PE Kit is required on both days

Net and Wall games (Tuesday)

Yoga (Thursday)

RE

What do different people believe about God?

Christianity, Islam and Hinduism

PHSE Citizenship and RSE

Keeping Positive, especially when dealing with difficult emotions and change.

Being responsible and making good choices, staying safe and the dangers of drugs, cigarettes and alcohol



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Year 3 continued



PE

PE kit—

White T-shirt, black shorts, pumps/trainers. PE will also be outside weather permitting (black jacket/hoodie and black jogging bottoms or leggings.)

Earrings need to be taken out for PE or tape needs to be supplied.

Children will come home in their PE Kit on a Tuesday and Thursday with their school uniform in a bag.

Please ensure all items of PE kit has your child's name in. — Your child is responsible for all items of clothing

Reading Books

Reading books will go home each night. They are changed as and when your child finishes the book and **it has been signed by an adult at home.** Children will be responsible for changing their own books in Year 3.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible – at least three times a week is expected.

READING BOOKS NEED TO BE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY

Homework

Spellings will be sent home on a **Tuesday** and children will be tested the **following Tuesday**.

Spelling results will be given to children either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday.

Learning Logs – will be given at the half term holidays in October, February and May. **It is expected that these are completed and returned to school within two weeks.**

Number bonds and time tables homework will also be given. **This will be given on a Friday.**

Other homework will be given as and when required depending on individual need. **A text will be sent to advise you when this has been given.**

Reminders

Earrings must be **stud earring only for safety reasons.** These **MUST** be removed ideally on PE days by either yourself or your child. Staff are **NOT** allowed to remove or put in children's earrings.

Children may wear a wrist watch in school to help them to tell the time. Children will need to be responsible for these.

PE kit MUST be in school on PE days. Unfortunately there is no spare PE kit in school.

Nail polish is **NOT** allowed in school. If children have nail polish on at the weekend or during the holidays, **PLEASE ensure** that this is removed before children return to school. This includes gel nails.

Finally please ensure your child's name is in all clothing, this includes coats and PE kit. This makes it so much easier for us to find and return lost items.

If your child is swapping from school lunches to packed lunches, **please give the office half a terms notice.**

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. You can either send a note in with your child or speak to the adult on the door after school.

Thank you always for your continued support