## General reminders

- Please ensure that we have the most up to date contact information for you including email addresses and phone numbers. All communications regarding school, will be made via WEDUC and the school website. If you are still not on WEDUC, please contact the school office who will be happy to help.
- All payments will now be taken using Parent Pay. Please ensure your account has been activated This includes payments for school dinners and any uniforms you wish to order.
- If you wish to speak to your child's teacher, please make an appointment with the office. Quick messages can be passed on with the member of staff that is at the school gate.
- We are now able to offer the Friday dinner option for children who are normally packed lunch. Please make payments via Parent Pay in advance.
- Please ensure children are not wearing jewellery to school. One pair of stud earrings is fine, but children should not be wearing rings, bracelets and necklaces.
- If you need to contact your child's class teacher, please email:

Miss Iqbal: t.iqbal@highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk Miss Spencer: t.spencer@highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk

# HIGHFIELDS PRIMARY SCHOOL Curriculum Information for Year 3 parents Autumn Term 2023—2024

#### Homework.

It is very important that your child reads their reading book at home regularly. Any additional homework that is given will be uploaded via OneNote, on a **Friday** and is to consolidate the learning that takes place in class. The homework needs to be returned the following **Tuesday**. Thank You.

### P.E. Lessons

Your child's P.E. lesson is on:

• Mrs Spencers' class: Thursday

◆ Miss Iqbal's class: Thursday

Your child will need to wear their PE kit





to school. This is a pair of black or grey jogging bottoms, a T-shirt and some trainers. Sometimes, we will be doing PE outside so your child should wear a zip up hoodie/fleece/sports jacket too in black or grey. No earrings should be worn on their P.E. day as it will have to be removed/covered in order for them to take part. Thank You.

Please visit our school website for up to date information about the curriculum:

www.highfields-pri.leicester.sch.uk

There is lots more news and information on our Weduc app. Please call into school for your code if you have not downloaded it to your phone yet.

# Rainforests

Our context topic this term will be focusing on Rainforests around the world. The children will be carrying out lots of fun activities centered around this theme. This will include:

- Map work locating rainforests in different continents around the world.
- Comparing temperate rainforests in the UK with tropical rainforest in America.
- Looking at the impact of deforestation and the impact upon local communities.
- Creating rainforest-inspired collages.





In Science, we will be learning about the different rocks and their properties. We will also start our topic learning about different forces and magnets.



In R.E we will be continuing to learn about Hinduism and Christianity and the beliefs held by Hindu and Christian people in Leicester and around the world.





In P.E, we will be completing a unit on gymnastics and use how we can link a series of movements together over pieces of equipment.



In English, we will be focusing our work around the book 'Traction Man'. Through the book children will learn how to punctuate speech and use this to write a four part story. After looking at this book we will move onto 'Jack and the Baked Beanstalk' and begin to expand our sentences using adverbs to make our writing more interesting. The children will continue to build on their phonics from KS1 to learn the spelling rules. They will also be learning how to vary their sentences to make their writing interesting.

You can help your child at home by reading every day.



In Maths, we will be spending the autumn term focusing on multiplication and division. They will consolidate on the work from Y2 for the four operations and begin to solve increasingly complex word problems using a bar chart to support their thinking.

Children should continue to practice their arithmetic skills at home particularly working on their times tables. The main focus for this half term will be on the 4 and 8 times tables and counting accurately in 25s and 50s.



In PSHE, we will be carrying out the 'Celebrating Differences' unit from our Jigsaw scheme of work. Children will discuss different types of family and understand how to solve conflicts within their families.

They will learn about bullying and the role of being a witness or bystander and how this can impact upon the situation. They will also learn about compliments and how positive words can affect people.