

Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome to year 3! We are sending out our Autumn term 1 newsletter early during our transition day, so you have information about your child's new class ahead of the summer break. A copy of the newsletter will be sent out as normal, via Arbor, after the summer holidays. We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

Welcome

Welcome to Kinney Class! We have had a wonderful transition morning, which I hope has left your child as excited as we are for September!

I am really looking forward to working with your child again. I firmly believe that home and school communication is vital to your child's education and emotional well-being, so please feel free to talk with myself or Mrs Bradley after school, or for a longer appointment, please contact the school office admin@hazelleysacademy.org

We have lots of exciting learning opportunities to look forward to in the Autumn term. I have put together some information that will be useful for you and will enable you to support your child's education this term. I look forward to meeting you, in person, at our Year 3 parent meeting in September.

As a reminder:

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that lower Key Stage 2 uniform is **black/grey trousers/skirt and a white polo shirt.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support. We look forward to working with you for the next year.

Miss Lawrie and Mrs Bradley

Spelling and Reading

This year, we will have our test spelling on a Friday, and new spellings will be sent home on the Monday prior to the test. In reading, we be focusing on fluency and comprehension.

Our class text this term will be: The solar system, The Bear and the Piano, Oi! Get off our train, River Story and Leon and The Place Between.



Writing

In English we will be writing a fiction piece based on the short film 'The Lighthouse'. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about the solar system (to inform), as well as writing an essay based on our history topic.



Maths

In maths we will be covering number and place value, addition and subtraction.



Science

In this unit, building on their knowledge of how our bodies work and how we care for them, pupils will study the muscular, skeletal and nervous systems, nutrition and the digestive system.



Computing

In computing we will be learning about e mails. This unit allows children to explore electronic communication using 2Email. Children learn how to respond to, compose and add attachments to emails as well as consider the safety aspects of email communication.

Art & Design/Design & Technology

This term we will be studying line in art. We will consider line weight, how artists use line in different ways and printing to create line. We will also study 'The Great Wave' by the artist Hokusai.



In DT, we will be researching, designing, sewing and evaluating a key ring.

Geography/History

In geography the children will explore maps, the eight compass points and symbols on a map and grid references. We will also look at a contrasting locality for physical and human geography.



In history children will learn about the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages. There will be a visit to Flag Fen this term to enhance their understanding of this topic.

Music

This term we will be studying 'Off Beat'. This unit introduces the children to the concept of 'off-beat' music through listening to Hound Dog performed by Elvis (rock and roll music), I got you (I feel good) by James Brown (funk music) and Le Freak by the group Chic (funk/disco music).



PE

In PE we will be learning about and playing football and doing outdoor adventure activities. Our PE days will be on Thursdays (outdoor) and Fridays (indoor).



PSHE

In PSHE we will be covering the topic 'Being me in my world'. This topic includes lessons on self-identity, group identity, responsibilities, consequences and teamwork.



RE

This term we will be investigating the question: What is the best way for Jews to live a good life?



Reminders

Children are expected to read at home at least three times per week. Reading packs should be brought into school every day. Dojo points will be awarded for reading at home every Friday.

Weekly homework may be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Tuesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

Homework Project



To complement our history topic for next term children could make a Stone Age or Iron Age house. Alternatively, they could make a model Stonehenge. A separate homework project letter will be sent



in July 2025.

Dojo points will be awarded for Homework Projects – all children are expected to complete one of the projects and bring them into school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025. We would love to display them on our shelves in the classroom!



Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



Times Tables Rockstars



Spelling Shed



Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



Class information

Class Teacher: Miss Lawrie

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Bradley

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.



Dates for the diary!



HLA Key Dates 2026-2027

Tuesday 1st September
Wednesday 2nd September
Thursday 3rd September
Monday 14th September
Tuesday 6th October
Wednesday 14th October
Thursday 15th October
Friday 23rd October

Teacher training day 1, school closed for pupils
 Teacher training day 2, school closed for pupils
 School reopens for pupils
 Year 3 Parent welcome meeting at 2.30pm
 Individual and sibling photos
 Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm
 Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm
 School closes to pupils for Half Term

