

Year Three Induction



Friday 18th September 2020

Dear Parents/ Carers

The children have been very busy in their class groups, getting to know each other and the new systems in the school. We are very pleased with how well the children are settling in and thank-you for your support in settling them in. We have slowly introduced the children to a variety of subjects in their classes and shortly they will start a more full timetable. They are growing in independence and confidence already. We appreciate your support in this and moving forward, ask that you encourage your child to walk in from the playground on their own. If you have any daily messages, these can be emailed to your class teacher at 3R@northmead.surrey.sch.uk, 3B@northmead.surrey.sch.uk or 3N@northmead.surrey.sch.uk or sent in with your child as a note if urgent. We have a busy term ahead and appreciate there is lots of information for new families so hope this leaflet is helpful.

Staffing

Miss Ramsay 3R – Year Leader, Miss Busby 3N and Mrs Backhurst 3B

Behaviour

At Northmead children are taught to be polite, cheerful and respectful. We praise and reward good attitude and behaviour. Our three core rules are: Ready, Respectful and Safe! Each class has carefully considered what this looks like inside, outside and with a range of people. We have a very clear behaviour policy which is explained to and understood by all children. Parents will be notified if their child has been removed from class or if their child is continually causing disruption in lessons.

Marble Treat

In year 3 we run a marble treat system. Each class receives a marble in recognition of excellent team work or behaviour. When they have earned 20 marbles, the class is rewarded with a treat which they have voted for such as extra play or a party afternoon.

Maths






Maths is taught in class bases. We are continuing to develop our maths teaching inspired by the Singapore and Shanghai approaches. In our lessons children are encouraged to physically represent mathematical concepts. Objects and pictures are used to demonstrate and visualise abstract ideas, alongside numbers and symbols. Mathematical concepts are explored in a variety of representations and problem-solving contexts to give pupils a richer and deeper learning experience.



Times Tables

At Northmead we have a scheme to encourage children to learn their multiplication tables. It is important children can quickly and accurately recall their multiplication tables. Our scheme consists of weekly tests. Children will have 48 questions to complete in 4 minutes. Once they have achieved three scores of 46+ they will move on to the next level. Pupils will be awarded certificates as they pass each tables test. Once children are ready, they will be entered into the star test. If these tests are passed, a star badge can be purchased from the school office at the cost of £1.

By the end of year 3, children are expected to recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables, having already learnt their 2, 5 and 10 times table by the end of year 2.

 Purple star award x2 x5 x10	 Bronze star award x2 x5 x10 x3 x4
 Silver star award x2 x5 x10 x3 x4 x6 x8 x9	 Gold star award All tables up to 12 x12
 Platinum star award Fractions / Decimals / Percentages	

English and Guided Reading

The teacher will choose a set of books for the group she is reading with, that is appropriate to their level. Guided reading sessions allow your child to improve both their reading accuracy and their comprehension. Once initial assessments have been undertaken, children will take part in a daily spelling lesson using a scheme called 'The Oxford Read Write Inc' as well as whole class phonics recap.

In Literacy this year, each term includes a fiction and non-fiction unit of work, which is built around a model text. In fiction, we use a specific extract from a book, and the children focus on extending their vocabulary and learning to write using the language and structure of the text as the guide. In non-fiction, we use a Pie Corbett approach to writing, where the children imitate the language they need for a particular topic before reading and analysing it and then writing their own version.



Accelerated Reader

At Northmead we use the Accelerated Reader reading scheme. Accelerated Reader is a system used to promote children's reading skills and enjoyment. Children are assessed to determine their reading ability and can then choose from a range of recommended titles at their reading level. The children will be told which 'colour' band they are reading. Children will have access to books from their level to choose to take home to read as part of their reading homework. These will be changed weekly to allow for quarantining.

Presentation

At Northmead, we expect all children to take pride in their work. They must write in legible, joined handwriting during every lesson. Children are expected to neatly underline the date and learning intention with a ruler.

Topics

Autumn Term: What's Under Our Feet?



Spring Term: Who's in the Rainforest?



Summer Term: Stone Age to the Iron Age



Trips and Visitors

PalaeoQuest Science Day – we are hoping to be able to book this before Christmas (visitor)

Wisley Gardens –early January (trip)

Maya Day—early March (visitor)

Butser Ancient Farm—early June (trip)

Homework in Year 3

We have slightly adapted the delivery of homework this year to ensure your child is able to work on core skills in a safe way that minimises paperwork and books coming to and from school. We successfully used Google Classroom as a home learning platform last year and are keen to use this to provide homework this year. Your child's login details for Google Classroom will be coming home with your child shortly. **3R Class Code:bbm5xil 3B Class Code:7mxf2h 3N Class Code:rnjkytf**

Please be aware you must login with the child's Northmead account for safeguarding purposes. If you have any issues or questions please email your class teacher on 3R@northmead.surrey.sch.uk 3B@northmead.surrey.sch.uk or 3N@northmead.surrey.sch.uk. This is very much a trial and we welcome your feedback.

Reading Homework

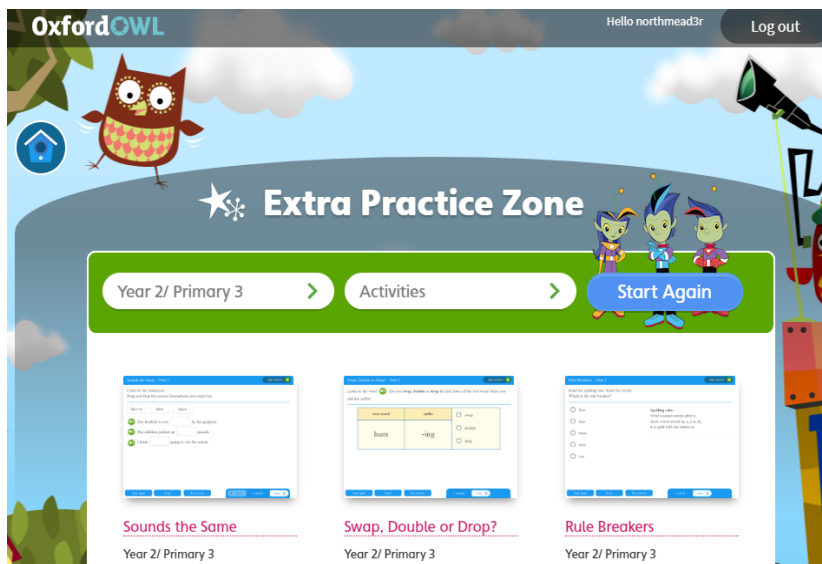
Your child needs to read 3 times a week to an adult for 10 - 15 minutes, this should include some discussion and questioning time. We would like you to upload a photo or type a summary on the Google Classroom Assignment by **Monday morning each week**. Once tested using our Accelerated Reader system in school, your child will be given a reading age and colour. Please note these do not match up with any your infant school uses and are based purely on how they comprehend the text. To compliment the physical books, which will be limited due to quarantining, you are very welcome to read home books and have access to a wide library of books using Oxford Owl. The login details are as follows: Username and Password : Northmead3R Northmead3N Northmead 3B. Each week a vocabulary or comprehension activity will be uploaded to Google Classroom.



Spelling Homework

Children will be set a spelling sheet on Google Classroom as a basis for their spelling work. They will be told if they are a 2A child or a 2B child. This corresponds to the level they need to work on at home. These usually follow a spelling rule and may have an associated spelling practice activity to

match the Read Write Inc. spelling scheme we use in school. These can be accessed using the Oxford Owl login above. The children will have a weekly test, the results of which will be shared on Google Classroom so you can support your child's progress. Spellings will be set on a Monday and need to be **returned on Google Classroom the following Monday**. A photo would be helpful so that we can see how they got on.



Maths Homework

Your child is expected to learn their multiplication tables. On Google Classroom you will have access to a range of 'home' sheets for your child to work through each day.

Please submit the assignment when your child has completed their daily practices for the week. Children are tested at the end of the week on the table they are currently working on and the score will be shared weekly

on Google Classroom. The test consists of 48 questions and they have 4 minutes to complete. If they get three scores of above 46 then they move on to the next table. We encourage using lots of online games and apps including 'Hit The Button' and 'TimesTable Rock Stars'. Your child's login details will be sent home shortly. Please comment on the Google Classroom assignment if your child's TTRS does not match their current table and we will update it for you.



Topic Homework

Each half term we will provide an open ended project based on an area of the curriculum that we are learning about. The first project will be set after the October half term break. Children will be asked to share their projects with their friends so we ask you to upload photos to Google Classroom which will enable us to show the other children and give the children the opportunity to share their learning with peers. Homework is an important part of your child's weekly learning and we urge you to set up a clear routine with your child so they can complete homework by the deadline.

Physical Education

PE lessons take place on a **Thursday** afternoon and currently children are asked to wear their PE kit into school on a Thursday. Children are not allowed to wear earrings during PE so please make sure your child is able to take these out on their own.

Swimming

We will update you if this will be possible later in the term but unfortunately we have not be able to organise this safely.

Music

As we are not allowed to sing or play wind instruments at school currently we are adapting the music curriculum to focus on percussion, rhythm and listening and appraising at the beginning of the year. To compliment this we can give you free access to a fantastic programme called Charanga where we have loaded several signing courses and lessons to learn keyboard, guitar, fiddle or recorder. Please see login instructions sent home with your child shortly. We hope you enjoy! Details of some extra-curricular opportunities will follow.

Keep in contact

If you wish to contact your child's teacher, please email the relevant teacher:

Miss Ramsay 3R@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

Mrs Backhurst 3B@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

Miss Busby 3N@northmead.surrey.sch.uk

If we need to contact you, we will phone, email or talk to you after school.

Please sign up to parent mail which allows you to receive texts and emails. If you have any questions about this, please contact the office.

Ordinarily we would normally hold a brief induction meeting but currently this is not possible. Please do ask any questions you have at the end of the school day or email us as we understand it is lots of information to digest.