

Year Three Induction



Dear Parents/ Carers

Friday 10th September 2021

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 in summarising key information. If you did not get a chance to attend or watch our induction Zoom Meeting, you may find it helpful to view this now your child has started: https://youtu.be/g1v3Hc_POjI

Staffing

Teachers: Miss Ramsay (3R) Miss Busby (3N) and Mrs Backhurst (3B)

PPA Cover: Mrs Royle

Teaching Assistants: Mrs Adlam & Mrs Beagley (3R) Miss Wakefield (3B) Mrs Joubert & Mrs Collingwood (3N)

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 use White Rose to support the children in a variety of visuals and concrete resources to support the children in every small step needed for deep understanding of 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.

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|  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 |

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 English 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 comprehension 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 comprehension 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 cursive 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 (provisional dates)

PalaeoQuest Science Day – 14th October in school

Wisley Gardens Trip – 20th January

Maya Day – 24th February in school

Butser Ancient Farm Trip – 9th June

Homework in Year 3

We will send children home each Monday with their reading record, two coloured comprehension level books, a spelling sheet and a times table sheet. These need returning by Monday at the latest, Friday is preferable if possible to allow for quarantining of library books.

We will hopefully not need to use Google Classroom but have attached a login strip for your child should they need to isolate or the class need to complete learning from home. If your child requires work to be uploaded and you need support, please email your class teacher who can help you find the resources.

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.

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 write comments about their reading and understanding in their reading record to be returned **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 relevant to the spelling group your child is in. They will be told if they are a Tortoise, Ant or Beaver group and should bring home the correct spelling sheet. 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. Extra games are optional. These can be accessed using the Oxford Owl login above. The children will have a weekly test, the results of which will be shared with you weekly. Spellings will be set on a Monday and need to be **returned the following Monday**.

Maths Homework

Your child is expected to learn their multiplication tables. Your child will be sent home with the relevant sheet for them to work on using a variety of games, rehearsal and songs at home. 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 are in this pack. Please drop us an email when your child would like their TTRS level changed.



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 help your child record their learning in some way so that they have something to show and talk about in class. 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 **Wednesday** afternoon and currently children are asked to wear their PE kit into school on a Wednesday. 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 hope swimming can run Friday mornings for 3B in the Autumn, 3R in the Spring and 3N in the Summer. Payment and permission will need to be given via Parentmail.

Music

To compliment our in school music programme including recorder lessons, singing and music theory, we can give you free access to Charanga . We have loaded several signing courses and lessons to learn keyboard, guitar, fiddle or recorder. Please see login instructions sent home with this pack. 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.