



HIGH HESKET C of E SCHOOL (VC)

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CLASS 3&4 NEWSLETTER

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Dear Parents/carers,

Welcome back to the Autumn term. I have thoroughly enjoyed my first week, getting to know the Year 3 children and catching up with the Year 4s! We have been engaging with activities to help settle them into class with our new routines in place.

I have outlined some key information below that you might find useful to know about the organisation of the class. Year 3&4 children should arrive at school for **8.50am** and enter via the green door. The door will be open from 8.35am and pupils are welcome to arrive early and are supervised on the school playground until the beginning of the school day.

PE

Our PE day initially, will be on a Monday. Sessions will be outdoors as much as possible and we ask that children **come to school dressed in their PE kit** and they will remain in their PE clothes for the remainder of the day. Hopefully we'll have nice weather, but please be prepared for colder and wetter conditions with coats, school jumpers, leggings, tracksuit bottoms, suitable footwear, hats and gloves as appropriate. Please ensure that if children wear shoes with laces, they are able to tie these independently.

We will also be undertaking an intensive week of swimming on the week beginning 14th October. More information will follow in a letter closer to the time.

Snack

Children are welcome to bring a healthy snack to eat during morning playtime. Ideally, these should be fruit based or a suitable savoury alternative such as bread sticks or crackers (no crisps, sweets or items containing chocolate please). These must **not include nuts** due to allergies in the school community.

Children are asked to bring a refillable water bottle into school and take it home each day. Please can they be filled with **water only** and pupils can fill them up during the day if needed.

Homework

Year 3&4 children are expected to engage with timetables.co.uk for 20 minutes each week. They have been shown how to use it in school this week. The aim of these sessions is to steadily build their understanding of the times tables and improve their speed of recall. The advice is that times tables are practised little and often so the children develop their accuracy and speed. Children in Year 4 undertake the DfE multiplication check in June. This will be a normal part of the school day and the children will be used to using the materials used for the test. More information for this will be provided nearer the time. All pupils also have a login for TT Rockstars and are welcome to use in addition to timestables.co.uk.

We also ask that pupils practise their spellings each week. Spellings will run on a two-week cycle and tested every two weeks to allow pupils to spend more time practising and understanding the spelling pattern. Some spellings will be from the weekly pattern and some will be from the Year 3/4 common exception words. Spellings will be posted on Google Classroom and on Spelling Shed. If you would like a paper copy of the spellings for that half-term, please ask.

We also ask if pupils can read regularly with an adult. If you would like a reminder of any of your child's login details, please email me and I will be happy to pass these along.



Reading

We fully embrace the importance of regularly reading and want to encourage the children to read a wide variety of books for pleasure. Children will have the opportunity to choose two books from our school library. One book will be a free choice, where pupils can choose any style and genre of book they are interested in, which does not have to be within their reading range. The other book will be their Accelerated Reader book which will be within their reading range.

Your child should be able to give you details about their reading book to show their understanding of the text and they can continue to quiz on their reading books, as part of our Accelerated Reader programme. This can be done in school, between 8.50am and 3.25pm and should be done as soon as possible, after the child has finished reading their book.

Appointments

I am always happy to answer any concerns or queries as they arise. I can be contacted via my school email address and will endeavour to respond as quickly as possible: rebecca.little@high-hesket.cumbria.sch.uk. If you would like to speak to me regarding a private concern, we can organise a meeting to discuss the matter fully.

Please visit our class page on the school website which includes our annual curriculum plans and other helpful documents.

Best wishes,

B. Little

Miss B Little
Year 3 Teacher