



HIGHGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Year 3 Class Newsletter Autumn 2

Dear Parents,

We hope you had an enjoyable half-term break; welcome back to the busy second half of the autumn term.

Topic - Chocolate

As you may have heard, the children had a deliciously creative In-Day tasting different chocolates and transforming the classroom into a rainforest. In this fascinating geography topic, they will find out where cacao is grown and how the beans are processed into chocolate bars. They will learn about the diversity of rainforest habitats and explore some of the environmental and fair-trade issues that surround the chocolate industry. We will also be designing, making and packaging our own bars of chocolate.

English: Reading

Thank you for your support with reading at home. The children should be regularly borrowing a book they have chosen from the class library. In addition to this, they will also 'check out' a book from our school library. To change these books (they have barcodes in them), please return these to school on Thursdays for 3LT and Wednesdays for 3LJ. Please continue to hear your child read for twenty minutes daily – doing so makes a huge difference to their academic development in all areas.

If you would like some recommendations for good, age appropriate books, this website is very useful:

<https://www.booksfortopics.com/booklists/recommended-reads/year-3/>

English: Writing

In English this half term we begin with fantasy stories and the perennial favourite, *Charlie and the Chocolate Factory*. In non-fiction, we will explore explanation texts and write our own account of the process of making chocolate, from bean to bar. We then move on to write persuasive letters to convince local shop owners of the importance of stocking fairtrade products.

Maths

In maths, we continue our focus on addition and subtraction, before turning to multiplication and division. Your child should be cementing their times tables knowledge by regularly playing TT Rockstars. Please let us know if you are having access issues with any of the online activities.

Cookery

Please let us know if you can volunteer in the Cookery Studio to help the children make chocolate bars. We need two parent volunteers per session.

3LT – Thursday 13th November 1.15 – 3.30pm and Thursday 20th November 9.45am – 12.15pm

3LJ – Thursday 13th November 9.45am – 12.15pm and Thursday 20th November 1.15 – 3.30pm



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PE

In PE the children will be learning hockey and dance. Lesson days will continue as before, with 3LT on Thursdays and Fridays and 3LJ on Wednesdays and Fridays. Please ensure your child is wearing comfortable, loose clothing, no jewellery, and suitable footwear on these days.

Homework

Maths and spelling homework is posted on Google Classroom every Friday. Please login to Spelling Shed and My Maths to do the homework online.

Trip

Year 3 will be visiting Kew Gardens as part of our Chocolate topic. We will be exploring the famous glasshouses and taking part in an immersive workshop to learn more about tropical rainforest habitats. Please look out for the email with full details, and please note that the classes are going on different days.

3LJ – Monday 1st December **3LT** – Wednesday 3rd December

‘Jungle Book’ Christmas Show

The festive show for this year will be ‘Jungle Book’ which is based on *The Jungle Book* by Rudyard Kipling. Hilla will post our Year 3 song on Google Classroom and we will be in touch soon with costume details.

Break time

Healthy snacks only please - the morning snack should be fresh fruit or vegetables (no nuts).

Birthdays

In line with our healthy eating policy, please remember parents should not bring in cakes or sweets to share on children’s birthdays. If you would like to send something in, a birthday book that can be shared with the class at the end of the day and then donated to the class library would be wonderful!

If you’d like to speak to us about anything, we’re always free for a quick chat at the end of the day, or we can arrange a time for a longer conversation.

With best wishes,

Lucinda and Louise

Key dates:

Wednesday 26th November 4 - 6.30pm	Parents’ consultation evening
Thursday 27th November 6 - 8pm	Parents’ consultation evening
Friday 28th November	INSET DAY – school closed to children
Monday 1st December	3LJ trip to Kew Gardens
Wednesday 3rd December	3LT trip to Kew Gardens
Saturday 6th December	HPS Winter fair
Wednesday 10th December 2pm	Jungle Book Christmas show – 3LT on stage
Thursday 11th December 2pm	Jungle Book Christmas show - 3LJ on stage
Friday 19th December	Term ends 1:45pm finish



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