



Welcome to our new Class 3 page!

Hello everyone, it's Mrs Johnson here and I am the class teacher for Class 3. Our class are incredibly lucky as the children will also be taught by Miss Lawton and the PE coaches (Mr Barker, Mr Pope, Mr Miles and Mr Palmer). Miss Westwood will be our teaching assistant too!

Here's a little bit about me as a teacher. My name is Mrs Johnson and I am a lead practitioner. I have worked at West Heath for 12 years! I like to think I am a fun, friendly teacher, but when there is work to be done, I like to make sure it is completed to the best of my ability. I expect the same from the children in my class too! I love to work practically and where possible I try to make sure that our learning is active, physical and fun. Year 1 is such an important year and a big transition from EYFS; therefore, I try to ensure consistent routines but also allow the children opportunities to learn through play.

Miss Lawton will be working with our class frequently over the year, teaching a range of subjects and planning some fantastic activities for us. She is a keen reader and we cannot wait to see her bring her creative side to the classroom.

Check out our class page below for key information about the children's learning, events and reminders. Keep checking back to see any updates!

Class 3's Autumn Term Plan

Our learning focuses:

English	Our focus for this term is to remember our CAPS, gaps and full stops. We will be giving children lots of opportunity to repeat the skills throughout the autumn term. We start by looking at a book called 'Lost at the Toy Museum' and writing a recount of the story using simple sentences. Then we move on to 'The Day the Crayons Quit' to write about our favourite toys. As we move towards Christmas, we will focus on using good letter formation and correct grammar.
Maths	In maths we are mastering our basic number skills. We start by focusing on our understanding of place value and working with number 1 – 10. We will use language such as more than and less than to help compare numbers. As we move through the term, we will focus on developing our addition and subtraction skills.
Science	We begin by focusing on materials. We look at what objects are made from and identify their key properties. The children carry out experiments to find out which material is most suitable for different jobs. Then we learn about animals! We will identify different animal families such as mammals and reptiles, then investigate their diets to be able to group them.
Computing	In computing the children will be exposed to the basics of using a laptop and how to access our school scheme Purple Mash. The children will be able to name key components of a device and will know how to use it safely. The children will have opportunities to practice turning on and login onto laptops independently.
History	As historians, we will be focusing on toys! The children will look at toys from the past and present making comparisons between them. They will also look to be able

	to describe items and explain why they are classed as old or new. As we move through the term, the children will focus on remembrance and will learn about World War I.
Art and DT	In Art and DT, the children will explore creativity through making windmills and creating poppies. The children will develop and enhance their fine motor skills to cut, stick, draw, paint and colour effectively. The children will also be encouraged to reflect on how they could improve their work.
Music	We will be learning to find the beat in a piece of music. The children will listen to different pieces of music to identify the pulse and will be challenged to create their own rhythms.
PE	During this term, the children will be focusing on developing their understanding of athletics and hand games. Children will be expected to take part in PE in all weathers; therefore, please make sure the children have jackets and coats on these days.
PSHE	In PSHE, we will be focusing on our families. We will discuss who is in our family and who cares for us. We will also discuss what makes a good friend and how we can be a good friend to others. As we go through the term, we will look at how we can respect ourselves and others, identifying how our behaviour and choices can make others feel.
RE	Through RE, we will be discussing belonging and how we can show thanks to those people who help and support us. We will also look at the importance of listening to others and letting everyone have their say. Together we will also look at how we show joy and when we celebrate in our lives.

Key Reminders:

Current PE Days	Tuesday and Friday
Homework expectations	Reading daily. Books to share or phonics/blending books (once issued) should be in their bags daily and we will usually change them on a Friday.
Contact process	Please use the planner or class email should you need to contact us. We will get back to you as quick as we can (within 48 hours). Class email address: class3@westheathprimary.bham.sch.uk