



Learn, Laugh and Love

# What's happening in Year 3?

## Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to Harehills Primary School for what promises to be a very exciting 2019. We hope that you are all well-rested after an extremely busy Autumn. Your child has already time travelled back to pre-historic Britain where they learned about the tools and survival methods of the ancient inhabitants of Britain. They also wrote an adventure story about a Brave Bronze Age hunter called Ugg and completed an archeological dig to unearth some fascinating artefacts.

We also jetted off to Europe in Autumn 2, visiting the fascinating country of Germany. After enjoying a break in a genuine café (where they drank hot chocolate and ate a delicious breakfast) we explored Berlin, writing postcards about our visit. Then, taking a deep breath, we plunged into the Black Forest and explored the writings of the Brothers Grimm, writing our own story in the style of the brothers, following the adventures of Hansel and Gretel, after they escaped from the witch.

## Theme

In Spring 1, we will be focusing our learning on the Roman occupation of Britain at the end of the Iron Age. We will be investigating what clever inventions the Romans brought to our shores to make life in Britain much more luxurious, like bath houses and central heating. We will also be learning about the skillful and impressive Roman army, focusing on how they were able to control vast areas of land across the Empire using the Tortoise Formation and strategic fighting techniques. We will also be learning about the resistance to Roman occupation and will be meeting a famous leader from the past who fought against Roman Rule, Boudicca, the Iceni Queen.



After the half term break we will be starting a new Theme in Year 3 all about the Circus. We will be writing our own stories which will be set in these fascinating environments.

## PE - Swimming

After the half-term, all Year 3 pupils will be swimming at Scott Hall Leisure Centre as part of the PE curriculum. This is always an exciting time of the year for Year 3 children who have been excitedly waiting for swimming lessons to start.



Your child will need swimming shorts or a swim suit and a towel which they will need to bring to school in a suitable bag they can carry.

During their swimming lessons, your child will learn vital skills which will enable them to be safe around water.

If you have any issues regarding swimming, please speak to your child's teacher as soon as possible.

## Learning at Home

Remember, there are lots of things that you can do with your child at home to continue their learning. As well as reading your home reading book, which we would like you to read with your child at least once a week, you can also practice times table facts with them. Your child has their own login for the Mathematics program, which is free to access. Additionally, using tablets or PCs to research the current Theme is an excellent way to help your child deepen their knowledge.

There is also the Compton Road Library which offers an excellent range of books to explore as well as internet facilities. We have already visited the library as a class, so your child will be able to show you around if you haven't already been there.

## Important Dates

**School closes for the half-term holiday**

Friday 14<sup>th</sup> February

**Back to school**

Monday 24<sup>th</sup> February

**School closes for Easter Holiday**

Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> April

**Back to school**

Monday 20<sup>th</sup> April