



**Beechwood
JUNIOR SCHOOL**

Together we can!



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Y3 at Beechwood Junior School! Firstly, we would like to extend a warm welcome to you and your children. We realise that starting a new school can be daunting and the Autumn term will be focussed on ensuring your children settle into life with us feeling happy and safe in their new environment. The children will learn new rules, routines and will become more independent as they grow with us. We are so excited about the journey the children will take and the amazing things they will experience along the way.

We are really looking forward to leaping straight into learning in the first week. We will be promoting our Beechwood HEART values and helping your children get to know new routines and our school rules. During the first half term, we will be focusing on Geography and studying weather and climate (this is a small change to the subject discussed during the parent meeting so look out for the Bitterne and Beaulieu trip coming later in the year). To support this learning, you may wish to discuss the weather together daily and perhaps share the weather forecast with your child using an app such as BBC weather. You could even ask ALEXA what the weather might be like that day.

In Science, we will be studying forces (in particular magnetism); in this half term, we will also be making our very own mechanisms as we learn about levers, flaps and sliders (a perfect link to pushes and pulls). In R.E. we are thinking about the concept of messages whilst exploring families in PSHE. After half term, we begin our History unit focusing on Ancient Egypt (we have changed the order to help with chronology). If you would like to know more about what we will be learning in school this term, we now have our curriculum maps on the school website in the curriculum section.

As you are probably already aware, our P.E. days are on Mondays and Wednesdays this term. Please remember that on our PE days, children need to come into school wearing a PE kit that consists of their **house colour t-shirt and dark coloured bottoms** (please ensure they wear their school jumper or cardigan and not a sports top on these days). If your child has long hair, please ensure it is tied back on these days and where possible, remove earrings or cover them in advance.

With regards to supporting your child at home, we would love for you to hear your child read as often as possible (and record this on BOOM Reader - our Reading Log APP) log in information will come out during the first week. Please also encourage your child to switch to the child profile so that they can log their own reads as well (we are working on developing independence).

Times tables practise is also very helpful, and your child will bring home a login for TTRockstars very soon. In Year 3, we also have a homework station by the doors where we provide a selection of different activities to choose from. This is entirely optional and there is no requirement to hand this in although we love seeing what the children have been up to with you at home. In addition to this, we set topic homework termly.

Below is the topic homework for this term. We cannot wait to see what exciting projects the children produce from it. We do not mind how this work is presented- it can be a presentation, a letter, a recorded video, sculpture, model or a piece of artwork. If you need to send in your homework via email, please drop us a message at info@beechwoodjuniorschool.co.uk with your child's teacher and child's name as the subject.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's class teacher or Miss Coomber. Thank you for your ongoing support.

Best wishes,

The Year 3 Team: Miss Coomber (Henson), Miss Bath (Coleman), Mrs James (Armstrong), Mrs Raja, Miss Billingham and Miss Paulina.



Year 3 Autumn 1 Curriculum Homework – Due in Monday 14th Oct

● **Science Study : Forces**

You could create a project about:

- Different forces in action in your home
- A particular force you are interested in such as gravity or magnetism
- How forces work
- Forces in sport
- You could carry out some mini experiments at home like the car experiment we did in school
- Making rockets

[Forces and Motion Experiment Ideas - What is a Force? \(science-sparks.com\)](https://www.science-sparks.com/forces-and-motion-experiment-ideas-what-is-a-force/)

This website has lots of ideas for things you could do.

Year 3 Autumn 2 Curriculum Homework – Due in Monday 9th Dec

History Study: Ancient Egyptians

For this project we would like you to learn more about the Ancient Egyptians. It could be learning about the revolting process of mummification or the fascinating collection of Egyptian Gods. Perhaps you want to learn about the discovery of Tutankhamun's tomb or the building of pyramids. Whatever you are interested in, enjoy learning more in some self-led study. Please bring in something to share: a poster, a PowerPoint, a model, a picture or maybe a story or poem.

[Ancient Egypt - KS2 History - BBC Bitesize](https://www.bbc.com/bitesize/topics/z9nqgznq/revision-cards/z9nqgznq-1)

[World History: Ancient Egypt for Kids \(ducksters.com\)](https://www.ducksters.com/history/ancient_egypt_for_kids/)

[Ancient Egypt | British Museum](https://www.britishmuseum.org/learning-resources/ancient-egypt)

If you need any support to complete these projects, please ask. We are happy to help.