



# Welcome to Year 3 at Hethersett VC Primary School September 2024



Dear Macaws,

We hope you had an enjoyable summer and we are looking forward to meeting you all again. The return to school for your child/children marks the beginning of a busy yet enjoyable year for all.

The following information is intended as a brief guide as to what will be happening during the Autumn Term. There is a 'Meet the Teacher' event on Tuesday 10<sup>th</sup> September between 3:30pm-5:00pm where, if you want, you are welcome to pop along to our classroom to say hello and/or explore your child's/children's learning environment this coming year. If you have any queries about anything in the letter or need more information at any point in the term, please don't hesitate to catch me after school or contact me via email.

Regards,

Year 3 team:

Mr Wilkins ([lwilkins@hethersettprimary.co.uk](mailto:lwilkins@hethersettprimary.co.uk)) and Mrs Harrison.

## Reading

All children will be given a reading record and a reading band book in the first week back. This will be based on reading band level the children were on at the end of Year 2. We will move children up book bands where necessary once we have heard them read. There are two types of books the children have at school.

**1) Levelled/reading band books** – these can be handed back in school when finished and changed during the week as needed.

**2) Library/class library books** – we will have the opportunity to visit the library as a class once a week on a Monday. This is an opportunity for the children to get a new book from the library if they need one. Children can return library books to the return tray in the classroom at any time. Whilst children are waiting for a class library session, we also have the ability to utilise our fantastic class library bookshelf.

Please ensure that children read with an adult at least 3 times per week (with adults signing/commenting please).

**Three reads = 1 HP**

**Four to six reads = 2 HPs**

**Seven reads = 3 HPs**

**Records will be checked on Mondays and house points given on this day.**

## Rota for Swimming and PE lessons.

Macaws have PE taught by a specialist coach from Premier Education **every Tuesday** throughout the year. So please make sure your child/children comes/come to school on this day in their PE kit. On top of this, we will have PE lesson taught by Mr Wilkins during the half term we are not swimming on Wednesdays, starting on Wednesday 4<sup>th</sup> September. We will begin swimming lessons with Miss Betts on the first Wednesday after half term, Wednesday 6<sup>th</sup> November.

Please see the timetable below:

	PE with Mr Wilkins – starting Wednesday 4 <sup>th</sup> September	Swimming with Miss Betts – Starting Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup> November	PE with Premier Education – Starting Tuesday 10 <sup>th</sup> September
Autumn 1	✓		✓
Autumn 2		✓	✓
Spring 1	✓		✓
Spring 2		✓	✓
Summer 1	✓		✓
Summer 2		✓	✓

### **A couple of changes from year 2:**

- Last year, Mrs Simmons or Mrs Cooper met the children on the playground and brought them in from 8:45am. From year 3 onwards, children enter the school building from 8:35am by themselves and don't have to wait to a staff member to come collect them. Registration takes place between 8:40am and 8:50am. I will be on the playground for the first three days back initially to help with the transition.
- Universal Infant Free School Meals (UIFSM - a government program that provides funding for all government-funded schools to offer free school meals to children in reception, year 1, and year 2) unfortunately comes to an end. Therefore, unless you are entitled to free school meals, please provide a healthy snack for your child/children to have during morning break (if they wish to have one) and a packed lunch or pay for a lunch via School Money at lunch time.

### **Autumn term curriculum**

**Maths** – Number and place value: numbers to 1,000, calculations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

**English** – **Writing:** Simple, compound and adverbial complex sentences; tense forms: simple, progressive and perfect; speech first punctuation and apostrophes; and handwriting. **Reading:** Two whole class reading sessions per week.

**Science** – Magnets and forces.

**Art** – Puppets (design, planning and evaluating, fabrics) and Poppies (design, artist study, sculpture, history, observational drawings).

**PE** – Tag rugby with Premier Education and football with Mr Wilkins. After half term: Gymnastics with Premier Education and swimming with Miss Betts.

**RE** – 'How do religions explain the creation of our world' and 'what is it like to follow God?'

**PSHE** – Unit 1: Establishing the classroom environment Unit 2: Emotions happy, sad, private, fine, excited tired, scared, afraid, safe, cross, angry, calm, relaxed, worried) Unit 3: Self-control, self – awareness and anger management (calming down techniques) Unit 4: Using our thinking skills (making good choices and problem solving)

**French** – Shapes and animals.

**Computing** – Animation.

**Music** – Sounds and singing French.

### **Homework:**

- The children will receive their history/geography/science homework as a half termly Fact File. The first fact file is on geography and all about the United Kingdom and Europe. Children will be given a paper copy of this in our first geography lesson and it will also be e-mailed home.
- Reading: Please ensure that children read with an adult at least 3 times per week (with adults signing/commenting please). These will be collected in on **Monday** and house points given:

**Reading three times a week = 1 HP**

**Reading between four to six times a week = 2 HPs**

**Reading seven times a week = 3 HPs**

- Spellings to be tested on a weekly basis. Spellings will be handed out on Friday 6<sup>th</sup> September. These can also be found on our website here: <https://hethersett-vc-junior.secure-primariesite.net/spellings-7/>
- Times Table Rockstars – children have home access to Times Table Rockstars in which they can brush up and/or learn their times tables. We will also be dedicating some time in class towards this. The children's logins will be stuck in their Reading Records. Please see below the house point tariff for Times Table Rockstars:

**Logging into play three times a week = 1 HP**

**Logging into play between four to six times a week = 2 HPs**

**Logging into play seven times a week = 3 HPs**

There are several different modes to play. 'Jamming' allows children to choose which times tables they want to practice. 'Garage' will use an algorithm to bring in new times table as and when the children are ready and work towards completing their 12 x 12 heatmap. 'Studio' will test children on their 1-12 times tables and enable them to get a 'studio score' which places them on the school leader board where they can compete against peers and staff! 'Soundcheck' mimics the end of year 4 times table check where the children answer 25 questions and have six seconds per question. Please see the following link for a parents and carer guide: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=-ZxZbRVvbYM>