



# Healey Foundation Primary School

## Curriculum Newsletter - Spring Term 2026



### English

**Whole Class Reading**—We will be reading a range of fiction and non-fiction books to build up our fluency levels, whilst also working on expression and intonation. We will use extracts from stories using 'Cracking Comprehension' to answer written comprehension questions.

Our writing will be focussed around the books '**The Tear Thief**' and '**Goldilocks and The Three Crocodiles**'. We will be improving our vocabulary by using similes and expanded noun phrases to write poems, diary entries, instructions and a story.

We will be using a range of punctuation correctly including capital letters, full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, apostrophes, inverted commas and commas in a list.

#### Weekly spellings to be learnt at home

**Joined up Handwriting**—correct letter formation and pencil grip using pre-cursive handwriting.

### Maths

There will be a big focus this term on multiplication and division and their related facts. Children will be expected to learn their times tables so they can answer questions rapidly without using their fingers. We will be learning

- \* How to represent and partition 3 digit numbers
- \* Reading and writing numbers up to 1000
- \* Counting in tens, fifties and 100s up to 1000
- \* Counting in 2s, 3s, 4s, 5s, 8s and 10s from zero and back from 100
- \* **Rapid time tables recall for 2x, 5x and 10x tables (6 seconds to answer)**
- \* **New Times Tables—3 x tables, 4 x tables and 8 x tables, starting with counting in multiples of 3, 4 and 8.**

### Geography— Locational Knowledge and simple map work

Finding and naming the UK Countries and their capitals

Understanding the differences between villages, towns, cities and counties.

Recognising cities and counties in the UK

Understanding and use directions using the four points of a compass.

### Science - Animals including Humans

Identifying that animals, including humans need the right types and amount of nutrition, and that they cannot make their own food; they get nutrition from what they eat

Identify that humans and some other animals have skeletons and muscles for support, protection + movement.

Naming different bones and muscles

### MUSIC—Chinese New Year

To learn about the music used to celebrate the Chinese New Year festival.

To accurately write and perform a pentatonic melody

To perform a group composition

### PE Full PE Kit is required on both days

Target games (Tuesday)

Yoga (Thursday)

### Art and Design and Technology -

Celebrating Rochdale in art form with a focus on the Co-op Museum.

Researching, planning, designing and making a healthy sandwich.

### PHSE Citizenship and RSE

Being responsible and making good choices, staying safe and the dangers of drugs, cigarettes and alcohol.

### RE

What do different people believe about God?

Christianity, Islam and Hinduism

### Computing

#### Touch Typing

Learning how to use the home, top and bottom keys and begin to use both hands to type.



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### Year 3 continued



#### PE

**PE kit— Children can come in PE Kit on Tuesdays and Thursdays**

**Plain white** T-shirt, **black** shorts or **black** jogging bottoms or leggings and trainers. NEW Healey PE hoodies are also available to buy which match our school uniform.

**Earrings need to be taken out for PE** or tape needs to be supplied.

Please ensure all items of PE kit has your child's name in.— Your child is responsible for all items of clothing

#### Reading Books

**Reading books** will go home each night. They are changed as and when your child finishes the book and **it has been signed by an adult at home**. Children will be responsible for changing their own books in Year 3.

Please listen to your child read as often as possible – at least three times a week is expected and dojo points are awarded for more than 3 reads a week.

**IT IS ADVISIBLE FOR READING BOOKS TO BE IN SCHOOL EVERY DAY, BUT ESPECIALLY ON THURSDAYS AND FRIDAYS AS THIS IS WHEN DOJOS POINTS ARE REWARDED**

#### Homework

**Spellings** will be sent home on a **Tuesday** and children will be tested the **following Tuesday**.

**Spelling results will be given to children either Tuesday afternoon or Wednesday.**

**Learning Logs** – will be given at the half term holidays in October, February and May. **It is expected that these are completed and returned to school within two weeks.**

Time tables homework will also be given. **This will be given on a Friday.**

Other homework will be given as and when required depending on individual need. **A text will be sent to advise you when this has been given.**

#### Reminders

Earrings must be **stud earring only for safety reasons**. These **MUST** be removed ideally on PE days by either yourself or your child. Staff are **NOT** allowed to remove or put in children's earrings.

Children may wear a wrist watch in school to help them to tell the time **as long as these are not Smart Watches**. Children will need to be responsible for these.

**Children must come to school in PE kit on PE days**. Unfortunately there is no spare PE kit in school.

Please ensure your child has a Healey School water bottle and brings it **EVERY DAY with fresh water**.

Nail polish is **NOT** allowed in school. If children have nail polish on at the weekend or during the holidays, **PLEASE ensure** that this is removed before children return to school. This includes gel nails.

**Finally please ensure your child's name is in all clothing, this includes coats and PE kit. This makes it so much easier for us to find and return lost items.**

If your child is swapping from school lunches to packed lunches, **please give the office notice**.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask. You can either send a note in with your child or speak to the adult on the door after school.

**Thank you always for your continued support**