



Curriculum Letter for Year 3 – Autumn Term 1 2025

General Information

Welcome to Year 3, we hope that you had a lovely summer. The children are all looking smart in their uniforms and have settled in well, adapting with confidence to their new routines and timetable. Housepoints are given for effort, achievement and behaviour and we are sure that the children have already told you about the many points they have earned! We hope you are looking forward to the Year 3 journey.

Curriculum

Maths: Pupils will develop their number sense and explore calculation strategies. This includes **place value**, focusing on writing, partitioning, ordering and comparing 3-digit numbers. They will also learn to find numbers that are 10 or 100 more or less than a given number, as well as rounding to the nearest multiple of 10 and 100. Pupils will learn near-doubles and adding-on strategies to find differences. Additionally, they will explore **graphs** and learn how to understand sets of data.

English: The children will be working from several quality texts which will inspire a variety of written work. This half term, the texts are '**The First Drawing**' by Mordicai Gerstein, a text that explores the first cave drawings discovered and '**The Escape from Pompeii**' by Christina Balit. The story is about the volcano erupting. They will be comparing and exploring these two texts to guide their learning in English.

Our class read for this half term is '*Little Nose*' by John Grant

RE: The first unit is on Christianity, and they will be looking at the question: **What's the Bible's Big Story?** They will be learning about how the Bible is divided into different books, how the whole Bible tells one whole story and the different themes that are found within it: God, Creation, Fall, People of God, Incarnation, Gospels, Salvation, Kingdom of God.

Science: The first Science unit they will be learning about is **Rocks, Fossils and Soils**. This unit will involve learning about how rocks are formed and change, as well as finding out about soil erosion.

Geography: The first unit is named '**Coasts**'. Many children have told us about trips abroad or to the coast, they have lots of first-hand experiences to build upon. They will be looking at how coasts and coastal features are formed and will be finding out about tourism by looking at the seaside town of Bournemouth. The children will learn about erosion and will be linking this to the Science unit, too.

French: This is a new subject for many and the children have already shown a keenness to develop their language skills. They will start by finding out about France and French culture, as well as learning how to greet each other in this new language.

Computing: The first unit is called **We Are Programmers**, where pupils create animations in Scratch which is a programming platform. They will learn to add sound, backdrops and costumes to their animated person.

PSHE: The first unit is **Family and Relationships** and will be taught through class lessons and circle times. Pupils will learn to appreciate diverse family structures and recognise the importance of support within families. They will learn to embrace differences positively, as well as understanding and challenging stereotypes.



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Design & Technology: The first unit of the year is **Food: Eating Seasonally**. They will be exploring where the fruit and vegetables they eat come from, explain the term 'seasonal' and find out the environmental impact of growing and moving food. At the end of the unit, they will be making their own seasonal tart.

Music: In this subject they will be learning to sing **Let Your Spirit Fly**. They will listen to and appraise the song and improvise rhythm patterns to accompany their singing.

PE Days: Outdoor PE is timetabled for Wednesdays with Coach Kymani. They also have indoor PE on Fridays and will be dancing their way into Year 3 by creating a dance based on outer Space.

Reading and Spellings

Reading is an essential skill, and we would like to foster a love of reading both in and outside school. Please make time for your child to read with you and for your child to be read to. We will also be teaching spelling patterns and rules in class.

Homework

Homework is set every Friday on Teams, to be completed by the following Wednesday. It will consist of spelling; the weekly spelling words can be found on Teams in 'Files'. Homework may also be reading, maths or topic work set on MyMaths and/or Purple Mash websites.

Our Knowledge Organisers are available in Teams under 'Files' so please use this to help support your child's learning in school at home too. They are a great way to start conversations about what we are doing at school each week.

Key Dates

INSET	1 st September
Welcome Meeting for Y3 parents	12 th September at 3pm
Macmillan Coffee Morning for parents	3 rd October at 3pm
PTA Family Bingo Event	17 th October
Black History Month	October 2025
INSET	22 nd , 23 rd and 24 th October
Half term	27 th – 31 st October