

Curriculum Letter for Year 3 - Summer 1 2026

General Information

Welcome back after the Easter Holiday. We hope you have all had the chance to relax and recharge as a family. We also welcome Mrs Yalezan, our teacher for 3W, whilst Miss Izzet prepares for baby number two. The children are looking forward to next half term's learning opportunities. *Attendance is crucial so please ensure your child is attending school regularly.*

Please have a look at our *Knowledge Organisers* for this half term on Teams, for more information about the subject areas. These are used in our lessons to support the children with their knowledge.

Curriculum

Maths: The mathematical focus will be on Shapes and Angles, looking at the types of angles and the properties of different shapes. As the half term progresses, the children will be studying Measure with a focus on exploring mass and capacity. They will finally be moving on to solving problems involving measure. They will also be consolidating the written methods for addition, subtraction and multiplication.

English: Throughout the summer term, there will be a big focus on writing in all areas of the curriculum. Y3 pupils will need to be confident with accurately writing sentences and demonstrate a range of sentence structures, as they move to Year 4.

The children will begin their writing journey with the book *Our Tower by Joseph Coelho*, where they will discover that their homes are better than they previously thought. Activities will include writing diaries, detailing settings, and writing a story as the main event. As always, they will gather collections of nouns and adjectives to use, consider fronted adverbials, and use paragraphs to organise and structure their writing. The next book to be studied will be *The Zebra's Great Escape by Katherine Rundell*. This is an author new to Year 3 but is popular with the older children in our school.

3W Class Read - *The Lost Whale by Hannah Gold*

3B Class Read - *The Abominables by Eva Ibbotson*

RE: The children will be looking at one of the world faiths, **Buddhism**. In lessons, they will develop their knowledge of this faith through looking at the story of Siddhartha, thinking about why this story is important to the Buddhist faith and how the faith changes and guides its followers.

Science: Continuing the children's learning in this area, they are looking at **How does your garden grow?** This unit involves learning about the structure of plants, germination and the life cycle of plants. This unit also focuses on pollination and looking at the ways that bees and insects are important in our changing world too. There are many specialized words and terms for this unit, so please use the Knowledge Organiser to familiarize your child with the vocabulary and spellings.

Geography: This half term, the unit of study is **Weather and Climate**. The children will study various weather patterns, climates and biomes worldwide. They will locate biomes on a map, differentiate between flora and fauna, and provide examples within their biomes. Additionally, they will conduct fieldwork to record temperature and rainfall throughout the term, aiming to identify weather patterns in April and May.

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French: The children will be revising the vocabulary learnt so far and increasing their language skills while learning some new vocabulary about *Ice Cream*. They will begin to use the vocabulary learnt in simple oral sentences and hold conversations in French as their confidence in the language grows.

Computing: The children will be thinking about *We Are Who We Are*. The unit involves making a presentation using *Keynote* all about themselves and their lives. The children will need to be asking parents about their early lives and memories and thinking about their hobbies to put into a presentation for their friends. They will also be presenting their opinions about an issue and recording their presentation to share with peers.

PSHE: Our unit this half term is all about *Economic Wellbeing*. The children will be thinking about the different ways to pay for items, budgeting and considering the difference between what we want and what we need. The children will also be looking at gender stereotypes and careers.

DT: The unit this half term is *Structures*. The children will be delving into the past and looking at castles, including their features (draw bridges, moat, turrets, battlement, tower, curtain wall) to design their own castle. They will be using both three-dimensional shapes, building on our knowledge from last half term, and recycled objects from home (kitchen rolls, small boxes, tubes). By the end of the half term, the children should have a strong impressive castle to bring home to show you!

Music: Following on from their recorder sessions last term, the children will be using the unit 'Three Little Birds' to consolidate the notes already learnt, play along to the song and develop their knowledge of rhythms - so keep practicing at home!

PE Days: Outdoor PE continues to be timetabled for Wednesdays with Coach Kymani, focusing on tennis and cricket and developing hand-eye coordination. Our other PE lesson will be orienteering, which will involve using maps to find locations in the hall and outside.

Reading and Spellings

It is expected that the children read every day.

Reading Children may pick a book from the class/ library area selection and are free to change this. Pupils may wish to bring a book from home, but the teacher may ask to see it. Reading record books will continue to be checked by staff weekly.

Spelling There will be a focus on a new spelling rule each week this half term. The spelling words will be put onto *Teams*.

Homework

Homework is set each Friday on *Teams* and is to be completed by the following Wednesday. It will consist of Maths, spellings and a piece of topic work. This will be set on *Purple Mash*.

Key Dates

Recorder Concert	Friday 24 th April
School Disco	Friday 1 st May
Bank Holiday (school closed)	Monday 4 th May
Polling Day (school closed)	Thursday 7 th May
Half term	Monday 25 th May - Friday 29 th May
School starts	Monday 1 st June