



Curriculum Letter for Year 3 – Autumn Term 1 2026

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 we will be using *'The First Drawing'* by Mordicai Gerstein, a text that explores the first cave drawings discovered and *'The Escape from Pompeii'* by Christina Balit, a story about the volcanic erupting. The children will be comparing and exploring these two texts.

Our class read for this half term is *'Littlenose'* 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 ***Animals, Movement and Nutrition***. This unit will involve learning about the skeleton (its role, the names of the main bones and muscles). Then we move on to nutrition and balanced diets to keep healthy.

Geography: The first unit is ***Why do People Live Near Volcanoes?*** The children will be learning about how the earth is constructed, where to find mountains and what happens in a volcanic eruption. Also, learning about earthquakes and different rock types.

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 ***My Healthy Self*** and will be taught through class lessons and circle times. Pupils will make connections between their minds and bodies, looking at how emotions make us feel, how to keep both mind and body healthy and what to do if we have strong emotions.



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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 scheduled for Tuesdays 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 every day 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 and reading, with either maths or topic work set on MyMaths and/or Purple Mash and Times Table Rock Stars websites.

Our Knowledge Organisers will be available in Teams under 'Files' so please use these 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

PTA Bake Sale	Friday 18 th September
PTA Smarties Challenge starts	Monday 21 st September
PTA Discos	Friday 16 th October
INSET Days	Wednesday 21 st - Friday 23 rd October
Half Term	Monday 26 th October - Friday 30 th October