Year 3 Newsletter - Autumn 2 2026

English

Our whole class reading texts are:



This half term we will be reading The Secrets of Stonehenge, Mary Anning, The First Drawing and Cave Baby. We will be completing some extended pieces of non-fiction writing based on these texts. We will also explore some poetry this half term too. ***Remember to practise spellings in preparation for spelling tests on Mondays.***

Maths

We are learning how to use the column method to add and subtract 3-digit numbers. We will then be looking further at multiplication and division, especially at multiplying and dividing **2s, 4s and 8s**.

Education City and BBC Bitesize have a variety of activities to support your children with maths at home. TT Rock Stars is also a good way for your children to be practising times tables.

History

We will continue to learn all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age, focusing on how life changed in early Britain.

Geography

The children will be learning about how we energise our country. This will involve learning about electricity, nuclear and coal powered energy and alternative energy (wind and solar). We will also explore fossil fuels.

Science

Our topic is 'Animals including Humans'. We will learn about the importance of a balanced and nutritious diet, understand the key parts of the skeletal system, and understand the purpose of muscles and joints.

PE

PE days are **Tuesday and Thursday**.

Our topics this half term are Dodgeball and Invasion Games.

Children will need black shorts or jogging bottoms, team-coloured t-shirt, with trainers/pumps. Please ensure jogging bottoms and hoodies are provided for Thursday PE in the event that we do go outside.

PLEASE ENSURE HAIR IS TIED UP WITH A SUITABLE HAIR BOBBLE AND EARRINGS ARE REMOVED FOR PE DAYS. IF YOUR CHILD HAS EARRINGS IN, THEY WILL NOT TAKE PART IN PE.

Wider Curriculum

Music: We will be having violin lessons every Monday afternoon. Some of the children will have their keyboard lesson on a Wednesday morning.

French: Colours and classroom objects.

Computing: Stop-frame animation – capturing and editing digital still images to produce a stop-frame animation that tells a story.

PSHE: 'Happy and healthy me' – know the components of a balanced diet, as well as the benefits of eating healthily.

RE: Religion in the home.

Art: Painting – we will use watercolours to create a painting inspired by Georgia O'Keefe.

Home Learning

Please make sure your child is reading at home on a daily basis. We expect at least four reads a week to be recorded in reading diaries. Reading diaries will be checked every **Thursday**. So please ensure to bring diaries in on this day at the very least. Spelling tests will take place every Monday, so please make sure these are practised in preparation for this day. Children should also be practising times tables on TT Rock Stars (logins are at the back of reading records).

If you have any queries or concerns, please contact us.

Many thanks,

Mr Watts, Year 3 Teacher

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Key dates

Monday 2nd November: **INSET DAY**

Tuesday 3rd November: Back to school

Monday 16th November: Odd Socks Day

Thursday 19th November: Indian Dance Workshop (in-school)

Tuesday 1st December: Christmas Fayre

Thursday 3rd December: Pickle Ball Day (in-school)

Thursday 10th December: School Disco (KS2 – 4:00-5:00)

Wednesday 16th December: Christmas Performance (9:30).

Thursday 17th December: Christmas Party (pm).

Friday 18th December: Finish for Christmas break

Monday 4th January: Back to school

Tuesday 2nd February: Trip to the Wolseley Centre (details in separate letter).