

Helping your child in Year 3

**Autumn Term
2026**

Together we care, together we achieve.



Welcome back Year Three parents and carers, from what we hope was a wonderful summer holiday.

Topic-based Learning Focus

In Terms 1 and 2, our topic will be History focused, exploring how life changed between the Stone Age and the Iron Age. We have Hands-on-History visiting for an immersive Stone Age experience on **Wednesday 11th November**. A donation towards the cost of this is required, so please look out for details of how to pay.

We will also be creating festive decorations, in Design & Technology, in Term 2, so please let us know if you have any sewing expertise and would be willing to help,

Spelling

In Year Three, we will be sending home 'Words of the Week' for children to practise and these will then be applied in class the following week. In Term 1, we will also recap the statutory spellings from Years 2 to ensure these are still secure. We will then introduce the statutory Year 3/4 spelling list. Please do support your child by practising these spellings.

Reading

In Year Three, children are responsible for changing their own books as needed. In order to promote regular individual reading, we ask every child to read for ten minutes a day at home with an adult. Of course, if a child wishes to read for a longer, that is fine! This will be rewarded at school by the children's names travelling around a reading star and gaining special rewards. In school, children will regularly be taught whole class guided reading lessons. Children can also use Bug Club and Lexia (if they have an account) to further embed reading skills. If anyone would be willing to hear individual readers, please do let us know. We would be very grateful.

Maths

As children come into Year Three, they are expected to know the 2, 5 and 10-times tables. We will begin the year by recapping these tables before moving on to learn the 3, 4 and 8-times tables. Please support your child to learn these facts. Don't forget to keep using the logins for TT Rockstars and Doodle which you were given last year.

P.E.

Wednesday for all classes.

On P.E. days, we are asking all children to attend school in their P.E. kits, which includes a white top, blue shorts/track suit bottoms and trainers. Please do consider the weather to ensure your child has appropriate clothing i.e. track suits for cold weather and sturdy footwear suitable for sports as we do try to get outside in all weathers. Long hair must also be tied up!

Music

Mrs Vieitez will teach Music on Tuesdays during PPA.

Term 1: Three Little Birds (Reggae)

Learning about the history, influence and the style signifiers of reggae music. Music games and composition with a reggae backing.

Term 2: Christmas songs/ Rhythm grids- simple patterns

Using body percussion and non- pitched instruments to explore simple rhythm grids.

And more generally:

You are welcome to contact the class teacher via email if you have any questions or concerns.

The school does not provide snacks for children from Year Three. Please ensure your child has a good breakfast and brings a healthy and ideally waste-free snack to school for break times. Please do ensure that this is a **healthy snack** in line with school policy: no crisps, chocolate or sweets, nor any nut-based snacks as we are a **nut-free**

school. Please also send your child to school with a refillable water bottle containing water only.

Please make sure all possessions and clothing are clearly named to make it easier to identify and return lost property.

Thank you for all your support. We are looking forward to a wonderful year!

Mrs Eddie (Year 3 and 4 lead), Miss Young, Mrs Elphick and Mr Passingham

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