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# The Arches Community Primary School

## Welcome to Year 3



# All about Year 3

**PE:** PE lessons take place on Mondays (indoors) and Fridays (outdoors, weather permitting).

## **For PE lessons, you will need:**

- A plain white or purple t-shirt
- Plain black shorts, joggers or leggings
- Trainers
- Arches hoody or plain hoody  
(No large logos are permitted.)



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## **Homework:**

Homework is an important part of your child's learning journey. It helps reinforce what they've learned in class and encourages independent thinking. Homework will be sent home each Thursday and should be returned by the following Tuesday. We encourage you to support your child in completing it, making it a positive and enjoyable experience. This is a great opportunity to share in their learning and help them develop good study habits that will benefit them throughout their education.



## **Reading Expectations in Year 3:**

Reading with your child daily in Year 3 is one of the most valuable ways you can support their learning and development. At this stage, children are transitioning from learning to read to reading to learn. Daily reading helps build vocabulary, improves comprehension, and boosts confidence. It also creates a special time for you and your child to connect, share stories, and explore new ideas together.

Recording this reading in your child's reading record book is equally important. It helps teachers track progress, identify areas needing support, and celebrate achievements. It also shows your child that reading is important, both at home and at school. Just 10–15 minutes a day can make a big difference. Your encouragement and involvement can spark a lifelong love of reading—something that will benefit your child in every subject and beyond the classroom. Let's work together to give them the strongest possible start.



# The Year 3 team

## Teachers:

Mrs Rees (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday)

Mrs Murray (Thursday am & Friday)

Mrs Probert (Thursday pm)

## Teaching Assistance:

Miss Whitfield, Miss Borland and Miss Keen



## Things to look forward to this term

- Year 3 Class Assembly: Friday 3rd October at 9.10am.
- Parents Evening: 15th & 22nd October.
- Half Term - Break up: Friday 24th October  
Return: Monday 3rd November.
- KS2 Christingle: Holy Trinity Church 5:30pm
- KS2 Christmas dinner and party
- Panto Trip: 19th December





# This term we will be learning:

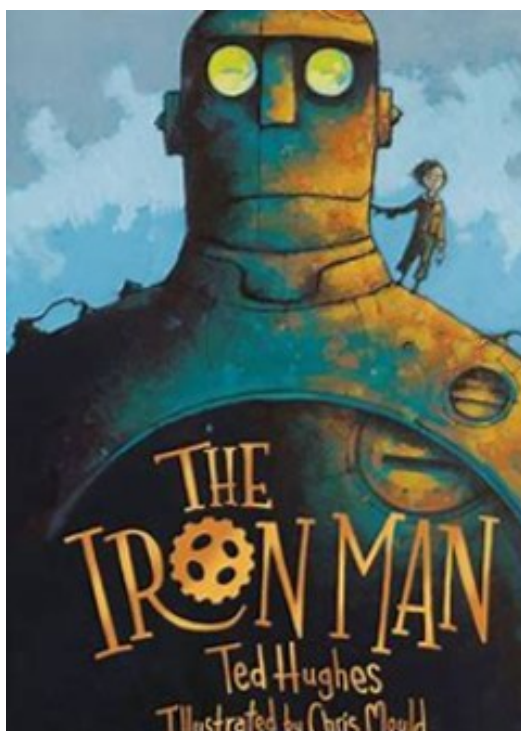
## English

This term, we'll be diving into some fantastic books, including *The Iron Man* and *Fox*. Using these exciting stories, the children will be learning how to write their own "approaching threat" narratives and fables.

We'll be exploring lots of important writing skills like using inverted commas (speech marks), choosing powerful nouns, adjectives, verbs, and adverbs, and learning how to create interesting characters and organise writing into clear paragraphs.

In grammar, we'll be looking at when to use 'a' or 'an', how to show time, place and cause using conjunctions like *when*, *because*, and *although*, and making sure we're confident with punctuation like full stops, question marks, exclamation marks, and apostrophes. We'll also be continuing to build and practise spelling skills throughout the term.

It's going to be a fun and creative time in English!



# This term we will be learning:

## Maths

This term in maths, we'll be building confidence with place value and practising addition and subtraction. Here's what we'll be learning:

- Recognising and representing 3-digit numbers
- Finding 10 or 100 more or less than a number
- Counting in steps of 4, 8, 50, and 100 from 0
- Comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000
- Adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers using written methods

We'll also be working on telling the time! This includes:

- Reading and writing the time on an analogue clock
- Recording and comparing time in seconds, minutes, and hours
- Using time vocabulary like *o'clock*, *am/pm*, *morning*, *afternoon*, *noon*, and *midnight*

Lots of hands-on activities and practise will help the children feel confident with these skills!

## Science

This term in Science, we've got two exciting topics to explore! First, we'll be learning all about *Rocks, Fossils and Soils*. The children will discover the different types of rocks, how fossils are formed, and what soil is made of. We'll even investigate which rocks are the hardest or most waterproof!

Later in the term, we'll move on to *Forces and Magnets*. We'll explore how things move, learn about pushes and pulls, and have fun testing out different materials to see which ones are magnetic. Lots of hands-on experiments and investigations to look forward to!

*Mrs Probert will teach Science on a Thursday afternoon.*

## Computing

**In Computing**, we'll be learning how computer networks work – including how devices connect and share information. We'll also get creative by exploring animation, where the children will design and make their own short animated clips. It's a great mix of tech skills and imagination!

## R.E.

This term, we'll be learning all about Hinduism, including how Diwali is celebrated and why it's such a special festival. We'll also be exploring the Baha'i Faith to gain an understanding of its beliefs and values. It's a great chance to learn about different cultures and traditions.

# This term we will be learning:

## History

This term in History, we'll be travelling way back in time to explore how life changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will discover what life was really like for people living in these times—how they hunted for food, made tools, and started to build early communities. We'll learn about important inventions and how people adapted to their world. It's a fascinating journey full of stories about how humans lived thousands of years ago!

## French

In French, we'll kick things off with a fun introduction to the language, helping the children get comfortable with basic greetings and phrases. After that, we'll dive into learning all about the seasons of the year. The kids will practise saying the months and talking about weather and activities in French. It's a great way to start building their confidence and vocabulary in a new language!

## Art

In Art, we'll be exploring the beautiful and vibrant world of Indian Art. The children will learn about different traditional styles and symbols used in Indian murals. They'll get hands-on practice developing new techniques to create their own colourful mural designs. This project will be a great chance to experiment with patterns, shapes, and bright colours!

## Design & Technology (D&T)

This term in D&T, the children will design and make their very own Stone Age-style bags. They'll learn how to take flat, 2D designs and turn them into 3D products by cutting, folding, and joining materials. It's a fun way to develop practical skills and creativity, bringing history to life through making!

## My Happy Minds

In Year 3, we'll be taking part in *My Happy Mind*, an NHS-backed programme that helps children build confidence, resilience, and positive relationships. Through fun and engaging activities, children will learn how their brains work, how to manage their emotions, and how to develop a positive mindset—important skills for both learning and life!

**Should you ever have any concerns please come and see a member of the Year 3 Team.**

**Thank you for your support.**