

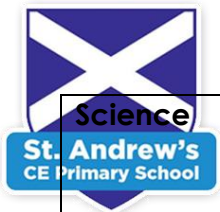


Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn term (1) 2025

Please find information listed about the curriculum which will be taught throughout this half term.

Subject	Topic this half term	Additional notes
English	Flood (Fiction, Tragedy) My Strong Mind (Non-Fiction, Instructions)	Our core text this term is <i>Flood</i> , a powerful story exploring themes of change, resilience, and recovery. Alongside this, we'll be reading <i>Thames and Tide</i> , a beautiful narrative inspired by the River Thames, which links closely to our English work and our understanding of setting, mood, and descriptive writing. Children will create their own stories and poetry inspired by water and weather. Year 3 will also be writing about the book <i>My Strong Mind</i> by Niels Van Hove to learn how to write clear, step-by-step instructions. The children will explore ways to stay calm, think positively, and build resilience through their own instructional writing.
Maths	Written Addition & Subtraction Multiplication & Division	Year 3 will be building confidence with written methods for addition and subtraction before moving on to multiplication and division. We'll also continue to practise quick recall of times tables through TT Rock Stars , a fun and engaging way to strengthen maths fluency both in school and at home.
R.E	What is the 'Trinity' and why is it important for Christians?	Year 3 will explore Christian beliefs about the Trinity, learning how God is represented as Father, Son, and Holy Spirit and why this is an important part of Christian faith and worship.
Computing	Creating presentations	Children will learn to plan, design, and present information effectively using digital presentation tools, including adding text, transitions, and images.



Science	Animals Including humans	Year 3 will investigate different types of rocks, how they are formed, and their uses. They'll also explore how soil is made and learn about fossils and the work of early palaeontologists. Hands-on investigations will help the children compare and classify rocks based on their properties.
PSHE	Valuing difference	This unit encourages Year 3 to recognise and celebrate what makes each person unique. The children will learn about respect, kindness, and how to build positive relationships with others.
Geography	UK – Settlements What impacts where humans settle?	Year 3 will explore early settlements in the UK, discovering how geography influenced where people chose to live thousands of years ago. We'll look at how rivers, fertile land, and access to natural resources helped early communities grow and thrive. The children will compare ancient settlements to modern towns and cities, exploring how land use, transport, and technology have changed over time.
Art/ DT	Pneumatic Toys	Year 3 will design and build their very own moving toy creatures using air power (pneumatics) to bring them to life. Expect bouncing monsters, hissing dragons, and wild machines as the children test, tinker, and improve their fantastic designs!
P.E.	Dance (machines) Tag Rugby	In dance, the children will create exciting routines inspired by machines full of rhythm, teamwork, and mechanical movements! In Tag Rugby, Year 3 will build confidence, teamwork, and agility while learning to pass, dodge, and score. Please ensure full P.E. kit is in school each week.
Music	Jack Frost	Year 3 will explore rhythm, tempo, and sound through the frosty theme



of *Jack Frost*. They'll compose wintry tunes and perform their own magical pieces full of sparkle and imagination.

Other Useful Information

Equipment

Please make sure all jumpers and cardigans have your child's name written inside. Lots of jumpers look the same, and this helps us return them to the right person if they get lost.

Homework is due every Wednesday, so please make sure it's handed in on time.

A note for children and parents from

Dear Parents and Carers,

What a fantastic term it's been for Year 3! We've had a wonderful few weeks full of creativity, curiosity, and hands-on learning. The children have shown brilliant enthusiasm and teamwork in all that they've done it's been lovely to see their confidence grow day by day.

One of the highlights of this term was our Egyptian Museum trip, where Year 3 proudly showcased their knowledge of Ancient Egypt.

Please continue to encourage regular practice on **TT Rock Stars**, as it's a fun and an effective way to build confidence and fluency with times tables. Little and often makes a big difference!

With warm wishes,
Miss Quinlan
Year 3 Class Teacher