



# BUNBURY ALDERSEY C OF E PRIMARY AND NURSERY SCHOOL

**Meet the Teacher**  
**Year 3**  
**Mrs Blackburn**

*“Let your light shine”*  
*Matthew 5:16*

We strive to provide a primary education your child will never forget. Rich with diverse opportunities and experiences set within a Christian context.



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Our Christian values underpin all we do:

- \* Our children are happy, caring and empathetic to others
- \* Our children learn and develop as moral individuals within the context of Christian values



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*As a Rights Respecting School children's rights are also at the centre of our ethos.*

*We are a Gold Rights Respecting School.*

*The children learn about their rights through a variety of different activities and about the importance of children's rights in the world through themed days.*

*At the start of this year, our class completed our class charter.*



# OUR SCHOOL RULES



*'Blessed are those who act justly, who always do what is right'*

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Psalm 106:3

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# YEAR 3

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This term, we are reading ‘Zeraffa Giraffa’ by Diane Hofmeyr. This modern classic will inspire our learning across the curriculum. It tells the true story of Zeraffa’s voyage from Africa to Paris in the care of a young boy, Atir.

**Developing spirituality: PSHE - ‘Forgiveness’**

**As writers**, we will write a persuasive guide inspired by Zeraffa Giraffa by Diane Hofmeyr.

**As mathematicians**, we will cover geometry, measure, time and statistics

**As scientists**, we will continue to study animals including humans.

**As musicians**, we will investigate how music can be used to represent people and allow them to interact with each other.

**As theologians**, we will continue to explore the question: Is The ‘Golden Rule’ Agreed by Everyone?

**As artists and design technologists**, we will create artwork in the style of Brown and use cutting and joining to create a sculpture.

**As historians**, we will explore:

- the history of canals in the UK
- the history and features of the Shropshire Union Canal.

In our **physical education** lessons, we will be developing skills in athletics and rounders.

**As readers**, we will:

- explore new vocabulary
- retrieve and record information from non-fictions
- identify main ideas and summarise

In our **computing** lessons, we will explore presenting using PowerPoint.

**As linguists**, we will learn the names of fruits and how to express the opinions of ‘like’ and ‘do not like’.

**Year 3 – Summer B**

**Developing spirituality: As a ‘Rights Respecting’ school, we will be focusing on Article 30.**

**Developing spirituality: British Value – ‘Mutual Respect’**

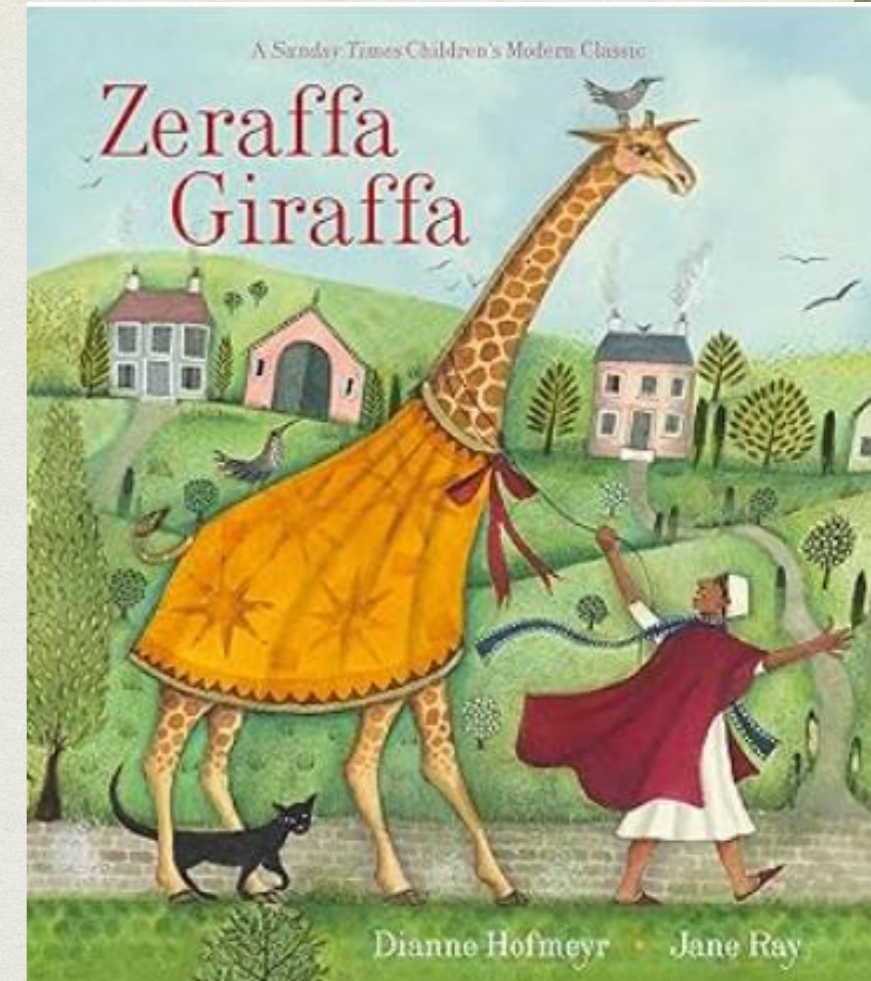
**Developing spirituality: Christian Value – ‘Respect’**

This topic web shows what we will be covering across the curriculum and can also be found on the Year 3 webpage.

# Summer Term B: Zeraffa Giraffa

This is the extraordinary true story of Zeraffa, a giraffe who was sent as a gift from Egypt to France in 1826. A young boy, Atir, takes care of Zeraffa on her epic journey. In France, Atir leads her through the countryside, and thousands of people marvel at Zeraffa. The King builds her a special house in the Jardin des Plantes.

Based on this text, Zeraffa Giraffa, we will write a persuasive guide.



# HOMEWORK



**Reading** – daily reading is given a high priority from Reception to Year 6. Children across the school will be expected to read at least 5 times per week. Reading entries will be recorded in a reading diary which all the children have. Each half term, class teachers will also issue a list of recommended reading both fiction and non-fiction linked to the connected curriculum theme.

**Spelling** – Children will receive a spelling list of age-appropriate high frequency words at the start of each term to learn. You'll see them on the bottom of the weekly spelling list. Using our booklet 'Helping your child to spell' the children need to work on learning around 8 words per week. This will be in addition to spelling patterns from staged spelling groups where words are tested weekly. Children in KS2 will receive these on a Friday and be tested the following Thursday.

**MyMaths** – Children will receive a weekly online maths task related to learning which has taken place that week in school.

**Times tables** – Children will receive specific times tables to learn in each year group. Year 2 – 2x,5x,10x with an awareness of 3x and 4x, Year 3 – as in year 2 plus 3x,4x,8x, Year 4 –all times tables plus an awareness of related division facts, Year 5 and 6 all times tables with related division facts.

**Takeaway homework** – As part of our inclusive connected curriculum, all classes will be asked to complete a home learning project **once a half term**. These projects, Take away homework, are linked to the class learning theme and children have a choice of which task they wish to complete at home. We believe that these projects are a great opportunity for parents/carers to work alongside their child, enhancing their learning experience. The projects are shared and celebrated with other classes.

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# MATHS

**MyMaths** is an interactive online teaching and homework subscription website for schools that builds pupil engagement and consolidates maths knowledge. It has lessons and tasks to work through which provide step-by-step explanations to break down the lesson content into bite-sized pieces. This will help children to recap a concept and also help you, as parents/carers, to understand the method taught. There are also games to complete.



There are also maths parent guides which have been uploaded onto each year group's class page. This document provides calculation method examples.

# READING FOR PLEASURE

## **Why is reading for pleasure important?**

The National Literacy Trust has carried out some research on reading for pleasure. They discovered that reading for pleasure can also support wider literacy skills, general wellbeing, empathy, confidence and an aptitude for learning.

In fact, their 2024 research showed that twice as many children and young people who enjoy reading in their free time had above average reading skills than children who don't enjoy it.

# READING AT HOME

Keep it  
light and  
enjoyable!



## A Guide to **Book Chat**

Watch and listen  
carefully to follow  
their interests

Invite your  
child to get  
involved

Share your  
emotional  
responses!

Wonder  
and connect  
to your lives

Ponder and wonder.

‘That reminds me of when...’.

‘I wonder if/ whether /who/ why/ what ...’.

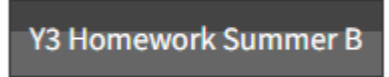
‘How do you think the boy is feeling?’.

Discuss what might happen next.

# HOMEWORK

## [Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary and Nursery School:](#) [Year 3](#)

The link above will take you to the main Year 3 webpage. If you scroll to the bottom of this page, you will find useful documents for Year 3.

At the top of this page (just underneath the photos) there is a tab:  Y3 Homework Summer B. Here, you will find all the documents your child needs to complete their homework.

Alternatively, the link below takes you straight to the 'Homework Summer B' section.  
[Bunbury Aldersey CE Primary and Nursery School: Y3 Homework Summer B](#)

# PE KITS



- Children need to come to school in their PE kit
- PE is on the following days: Monday and Thursday
- PE kit should be named.
- Plain black track suit, black shorts or skirt, green polo shirt and black canvas pumps/trainers in line with the school uniform, PE black hooded sweatshirt
- NO FOOTBALL TOPS or STRIPS please.
- Dark sport trousers may be worn in the colder months

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# SCHOOL COMMUNICATION



If there is anything you would like to talk to us about, no matter how small it may seem, please do!

Unless I have a club or other commitment straight after school, I will be on the playground each day at 3.15pm, or please make an appointment through the school office.

Unfortunately, I cannot speak with anyone in the morning unless it is an emergency.

You can email the office on: [admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:admin@bunburyaldersey.cheshire.sch.uk)

Or contact Mrs Badger: [principalbunbury@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk](mailto:principalbunbury@RCSAT.cheshire.sch.uk)

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Thank you for your support.

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