

Mathematics

Place value

- Representing, partitioning, comparing, ordering and estimating numbers to 1000
- Finding 1, 10, 100 more or less and count in 50s

Addition and subtraction

- Add and subtract one-three digit numbers
- Spotting patterns, making connections and estimating
- Inverse operations and making mathematical decisions

Multiplication and division

- Sharing, grouping and using arrays
- Multiply and divide by 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 tables

History

The Stone Age

This unit explores life in prehistoric Britain from the Palaeolithic to the Neolithic periods, helping children develop a secure understanding of how early humans lived, adapted, and changed over time. Children build on their knowledge of key historical vocabulary, such as prehistoric, archaeology, artefact, and timeline, and begin to use these terms in context. They explore how human lifestyles evolved in response to changing environments, including developments in tools, diet, homes, and monuments, and learn how archaeologists use evidence to reconstruct life before written records.



Geography

Settlements

- What are settlements and how do they differ?
- How have settlements changed over time?
- How are grid references used?
- Local field study of our settlement
- How could we improve our settlement?



PSHE & RSE

My Healthy Self

This unit will examine the connection between the mind and body by recognising and describing a wide range of emotions and feelings.

Music

Ballads unit

The unit will allow children to identify key features of a ballad, perform using actions, sing in time with a song, write a verse with rhyme and perform lyrics with actions.

Religious Education

Christianity

'What is it like for something to follow God?' This unit focuses on texts from the Old Testament, people of God and how they lived their lives in relation to ours.

Art

Drawing – Developing drawing skills

Developing shading skills and drawing techniques to create botanical-inspired digital drawings.
Artist: Lucy T Smith

Year 3

Autumn Term overview 2026-2027



Physical Education

Dodgeball and Fitness

Our lessons will centre on the key principles of target games; attacking, defending and placement. All while concentrating on children's abilities and understanding of the importance of communication and teamwork to effectively participate in team sports.

Design and Technology

Structures – Product packaging

Exploring how 3D shell structures are created from nets, investigating their use in packaging and applying this understanding to create original designs.

French

Autumn units will focus on phonics pronunciation and language used around the classroom

English

Year 3 will be using the book 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes as a focus text across the autumn term.

In autumn 1, we will be planning and writing a narrative based on an approaching threat.

In autumn 2, we will be practising writing formally, leading up to writing an explanation text on a trap the children have created to contain the Iron Man.

Science

Light

- What light is and where it comes from
- Natural and artificial sources of light
- Ultraviolet rays, harms and safety
- Properties of shadows, how they are formed and altered

Animals including humans

- Exploring the five main food groups, nutrients and healthy eating
- Types of skeletons found across the animal kingdom
- The human skeleton
- The muscular system

Computing

Computing systems and networks

This unit will focus on understanding that digital devices have inputs, processes and outputs and how devices can be connected to make networks

Computer safety

Lessons will focus on staying safe online, using social media safely and understanding and recognising phishing scams.