

## Year 3 Spring 1 Newsletter 2026



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year to you all, and I hope you've had a good Christmas.

**Reading** – Reading continues as last term, and children are still expected to read at **least four times a week for about 20 minutes**. Remember to sign your child's reading diary, or you can allow your child themselves to record the book title and page numbers to help them with independence. Your child's reading target will be in their reading diary very soon, and it is also displayed in AR when you quiz. I monitor targets closely and will send a text reminder out after 3-4 weeks if your child is not on track to complete successfully.

**English** – This half term we will be looking at the author Enid Blyton and focusing on the book 'The Enchanted Wood'. We will look at the genre of adventure and mystery writing and will look at how Enid uses description in her books to help build imagery in our minds. We will also look at how direct speech is punctuated and how story writing is different to a fact file.

**Maths** – Our Maths lessons will continue to develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving. This half term we will be focusing on multiplication, division, length and perimeter.

**Science** – This half term we will be looking at food groups and how we need a balance of foods to keep us healthy.

**History** – We will be looking at the ancient civilization of Indus and how their early inventions of irrigation, drainage, wells, and trade shaped our world today.

**Geography** – In geography we will look at how the United Kingdom is split into counties and focus on Cheshire. We will continue looking at OS map symbols and focus on the 8 points of a compass.

**Art** – This half term we will look at the art work of Yayoi Kusama and try to replicate her work using paint. We will create our own paintings based on foods.

**PE** – Our PE days this half term are still **Tuesday** and **Thursday** and the children will be taught by Mrs Kirk. Pupils are asked to come to school in their Scholar Green PE kits on their PE days once again. A PE kit consists of black shorts/leggings/skort, a Scholar Green PE T-shirt and trainers. Please do not send your child to school in a football kit/jeans/inappropriate footwear on their PE days. PE T-shirts can be purchased from [www.myschoolstyle.com](http://www.myschoolstyle.com). Please ensure your child has long hair tied back if applicable and jewellery is removed including earrings.

Each day at lunchtime, Mrs Kirk will be running PE clubs on the playground or field. These will change on a weekly basis and there will be no need to sign up in advance. Children will be able to join in as and when they would like to. To take part children will need their trainers only, but you may prefer to send your child into school in their PE kit on those days.

**RE** – RE lessons will focus on Islam, the 99 name of Allah and how Muhammad (PBUH) was a prophet.

**PSHE** – Our focus is on rules both in school and society, and what the consequences are if rules are broken. There will also be lessons on internet safety and if everything we see or read online is true.

**Junior Jam** – The Junior Jam teachers will still be in school on Wednesdays and they will deliver lessons in music and computing. Mrs Stevenson will deliver French lessons and will focus on animals.

**Homework** – Homework will be sent home on Thursdays, to be completed and returned on the following Tuesday. Please continue with TTRS games to help develop times table skills.

**Y3&4 Production of Ali Baba and the Bongo Bandits** – We will begin rehearsals this half term to prepare for our performances on March 10<sup>th</sup> and 12<sup>th</sup>. Your child may be getting a script with their lines highlighted for their character, and a letter will follow in February with information about costumes, props and tickets etc.

I have an open door policy so if you have any concerns please come to speak to me, usually the end of the day is easier as I have more time then. My email address is below and I would encourage you to use this as another way of getting in touch.

Kind Regards,

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## **DIARY DATES**

Date	Event
05.01.26	INSET DAY – The DEN is open
06.01.26	INSET DAY – The DEN is open
07.01.26	<b>SCHOOL OPENS</b>
19.01.26	After School Clubs Start
19.01.26	Swimming Pool Arrives at School
20.01.26	Year 6 SATs Meeting – 3:30pm
22.01.25	Reception Visitor in school
TBC	Year 4 to Chester Deva Roman Experience
26.01.26	Swimming Lessons Begin
27.01.26	Year 1 Educational Visit – Stoke City
02.02.26	Nursery Stay and Play Week (parents invited) – 9:00-9:45am (Information to follow)
09.02.25	Final Paris Meeting for 2025 residential – 3:30pm School Hall
10.02.26	Safer Internet Day
12.02.26	Reception Book & Brioche