

Year 3 Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026

Dear Parents / Carers,

Welcome back! I hope you have all had a fantastic summer holiday and continue to stay safe and well. I'm very excited to be working with the Year 3 class this year and am looking forward to getting to know you all.



Reading – Children are expected to read at home **at least four times a week for about 20 minutes** and they should now be reading a wide variety of books; fiction, non-fiction, poetry etc. If your child is on Accelerated Reader then they will be able to continue quizzing at home like they have been doing, and there will be times in the day when they can also quiz at school. Your child's reading target will be written on a sticker in their reading diary, 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. If your child is not on the AR system, then as per last year, they need to read 4 times and have their diaries signed to earn their reading treat. As a class we will vote on what the reading treat will be so they all know what they are aiming for.

English – This half term we will be learning about the author Antony Browne, and will be doing some work on setting descriptions from his book 'The Tunnel'. We will also be writing instructions based on the book 'How to Wash a Wolley Mammoth' by Michelle Robinson.

Maths – Our Maths lessons will develop skills in fluency, reasoning and problem solving. We will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction this half term and we will use a variety of practical apparatus to help us with our understanding as well as formal written methods. Each week we will play on TTRS for about 20 minutes in class and start learning the 4x and 8x tables, in addition to the 2x, 3x, 5x and 10x from previous years.

Science – This half term we will be looking at forces and motion and will look in detail at friction and magnetism.

Geography – We will be looking at the 2 hemispheres and comparing the countries of Iceland and Zimbabwe, focusing on climate and how it affects life there.

History – Our history focus is the Stone Age, and how people used to live and hunt in pre-historic times. We will look at how Stone Age shelters changed through the 3 different periods and build small versions in forest school.

DT – This half term our focus is on strong structures and strong shapes and how they are used to build bridges. We will be making a bridge by joining together lolly sticks using glue guns. We will also look at the engineer Isambard Kingdom Brunel.

PSHE – We will discuss families and friendships this half term. October is Black History month and we will look at the life of Mary Seacole. It is also World Mental Health or 'Yellow Day' in October.

RE – We will look at Christianity this half term and what the Trinity means. We will focus on how the Father, Son and Spirit are represented in the Bible and sculpture. We also look at what the word Saviour means to Christians.

PE – Our PE days are **Tuesday** and **Thursday** and the children will be taught by myself and Mr Lewis. Pupils are asked to come to school in their Scholar Green P.E Kits on their P.E 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. Please ensure your child has long hair tied back if applicable and jewellery is removed including earrings.

Junior Jam – The Junior Jam teachers will be in school on Thursdays and they will deliver lessons in music and computing. Mrs Stevenson will deliver French lessons and will start with basic vocabulary on greetings, numbers and colours.

Y3 & Y4 Production of Eddie the Penguin Saves the World - This year the Lower KS2 production will be in the Autumn term, so the children will be beginning to learn songs and lines in the coming weeks. Please see the diary dates below so you now when our performances will be and we will keep you informed about costumes and booking tickets as soon as possible.

Homework – Homework in Y3 is written and will alternate between English and maths. It will be sent home on Thursdays, to be completed and returned on the following Tuesday. There will be a homework file with sheets linked to topics covered in class that week, so you can support and consolidate learning at home.

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, but feel free to grab me as the children line up for 'Beat the Bell'. My email address is below and I would encourage you to use this as another way of getting in touch.

Kind Regards,

Mrs Anna Whitehurst

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Date	Event
01.09.26	INSET DAY
02.09.26	SCHOOL OPENS
08.09.26	Bikeability - Year 4 & Year 6
23.09.26	Nursery N2 Parent Meeting Day
24.09.26	Parent Meeting Day
24.09.26	Nursery N1 Parent Meeting Day
25.09.26	Macmillan Coffee Morning
29.09.26	Year 2 Nantwich Educational Visit
02.10.26	Fluenz Nasal Spray
09.10.26	Mental Health Awareness Yellow Day (Wear yellow to school)
12.10.26	Individual and Family Photos
13.10.26	Year 3 & 4 Production – 1pm
14.10.26	Year 3 & 4 Production – 1pm & 6pm
15.10.26	Crucial Crewe- Safeguarding Council
23.10.26	Year 6 Celebration Assembly 9am