



Autumn Term

Welcome to the Autumn Term!

We hope you have all had a lovely summer and that the children are coming back to school feeling relaxed, refreshed and ready for an exciting term ahead! We are really looking forward to welcoming the children into Year 3 and getting to know them over the coming weeks. Moving into a new year group brings new routines, expectations and challenges, so our main focus at the start of term will be making sure that every child feels happy, settled and confident in their new classroom. We will be working together to build positive relationships, establish our Year 3 routines and encourage the children to become increasingly independent, resilient and enthusiastic learners. We have lots of exciting learning and activities planned and are looking forward to a fantastic year together! Please feel free to contact us at any time if you have any questions, queries or anything you would like to discuss. We are always happy to help and look forward to working closely with you throughout the year.

Key Dates

Monday 14th September – Parent Welcome Meetings

3:30pm and 4:00pm

Thursday 8th October – Towerwood Parent Meeting

4:00pm

Wednesday 21st October – Harvest Assembly

Years 3–6 at **2:00pm** – parents are invited to join us.

Reading

Reading at Home

In Year 3, we expect children to read at home at least 4 times each week. When your child has finished reading, please write a short note in their reading record to show they have read.

Reading books will be changed every Monday, as long as your child has read their book from start to finish. Please make sure their reading book and reading record are in school ready to be changed.

Thank you for supporting your child with their reading at home — it really does help them to make good progress.

PE Reminders

PE Days

Our PE days for this half term will be Monday and Thursdays

Your child will need an indoor PE kit consisting of a yellow James Brindley T-shirt, blue shorts and pumps.

Please remember that earrings cannot be worn for PE and must be removed. If your child is unable to remove their own earrings, please take them out before they come to school on

Keep up to date....

We have lots of exciting things planned for Year 3 this year! In the Spring Term, our Year 3 children will have the opportunity to take part in a two-night residential trip to Tower Wood in the Lake District.

ENGLISH

In English, we are going to begin the half term by sharing the whole-school text 'Mixed' by Arree Chung, before moving on to a poetry unit.

Throughout our English lessons, we will be focusing on developing key Year 3 skills, including using a wider range of vocabulary, writing in full sentences, using punctuation accurately, using conjunctions to extend our ideas and beginning to organise our writing into paragraphs.

MATHS

In Maths, we will begin the Autumn term by focusing on place value. The children will develop their understanding of hundreds, tens and ones, reading, writing, representing and partitioning numbers up to 1,000. We will also practise counting in 4s, 8s, 50s and 100s and comparing and ordering numbers using greater than, less than and equal to.

SCIENCE

In Science, our topic this half term will be Animals, Including Humans. We will be learning about the importance of nutrition and finding out how animals and humans get the nutrients they need to stay healthy.

We will also explore the human skeleton and muscles, learning about the different bones in our bodies and how our skeleton and muscles work together to help us move, support and protect our bodies.

Our Curriculum Overview

COMPUTING

In Computing, we will be developing our touch-typing skills, learning how to use the keyboard efficiently and accurately. The children will practise using the correct fingers for different keys and build their speed, accuracy and confidence when typing.

HISTORY

In History, we will be learning about the Stone Age and exploring what life was like for people living in Britain thousands of years ago. We will find out how people lived, hunted, gathered food and made tools and shelters.

ART

In Art, we will be developing our drawing skills with a focus on gestural drawing. The children will explore how to use quick, expressive lines and marks to capture movement, shape and form. We will experiment with different drawing materials and techniques, encouraging the children to draw with confidence.

PSHE

In PSHE, our topic will be Me and My Relationships. We will be thinking about what makes a good friend, how to build and maintain positive relationships and how our words and actions can affect others.

Home Learning

English & Maths

Please continue to support your child by reading at least four times each week and recording this in their reading record. Practising joined handwriting and correct letter formation at home would also be really helpful. Children can continue to develop their number skills at home by practising number bonds, mental maths and counting forwards and backwards. Any opportunities to use Maths in everyday life, such as telling the time, using money or measuring, are also really valuable.

Spelling/Times Tables

Spellings will be taught and practised in school each week. If you would like your child to complete some additional practice at home, our weekly spellings can be found on Literacy Shed.

Children are encouraged to practise their times tables as often as possible using Times Tables Rock Stars. In Year 3, we will continue to secure the 2, 5 and 10 times tables, while developing confidence and fluency with the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

To further support independent reading for pleasure, take a look at the suggestions below that are linked to specific topics and authors we are focusing on this half term:



Online Resources

[Topmarks - Free Interactive Learning Games, Maths Worksheets & Teaching Resources - Topmarks](#)

[Year 3 - Subject listing | Oak National Academy](#)