

Year 3

Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Year 3!

We are looking forward to getting to know you all over the next school year, as you start your journey in Year 3 and a new school! We have lots of exciting things happening and fun-filled days!

As a reminder, healthy snacks (such as fruit or cereal bars) are allowed in school for break times.

Remember, if you have any concerns, please don't hesitate to come and talk to us.

The Year 3 Team – Miss Flint and Mr Holmes ❤️

Reading Diaries and Books

It is a homework expectation that your child reads at home to an adult every day, so please make sure you sign their diary to show this.

If you need any support with reading at home with your child, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Your child will regularly read their book in class and will record any homework, spellings and reading to an adult in their diaries. Therefore please ensure your child brings their book and diary to school every day.

PE Kits

On the day of PE, children will come into school in their PE kits. PE days are Thursdays and Tuesdays.

They need to wear their purple Team Pinxton kits and suitable trainers. Children will be unable to join in with the sports coach if PE kits are not worn.

Please make sure earrings are removed and hair is tied up on these days.

Swimming will start in January. More information about this will be sent out nearer the time

Important Dates

Event	Dates
Hook Day	7 th September
Ancient Greek day – dress up as an ancient Greek for the day.	30 th September
Parents Evening	6 th and 7 th October
Halloween Disco	21 st October
Christmas Fair	2 nd December
Carol Concert	16 th December

Homework

Children are expected to read, practise their spellings and practise their times tables (on TT Rockstars) **daily**.

This homework is compulsory and is designed to build on the learning we do in school. Please make sure children your child;s diary is signed daily or seek help if they are stuck.TT logins can be found in the back of your child's home school diary.

White Rose Maths videos are also shared in Class Dojo every week with the week's learning and these need to be watched each day.

Follow us on social media, where we showcase our wonderful school and learning experiences.



What shapes a places story?

This term, our enquiry question is What shapes a places culture? This is a geography-based enquiry. To immerse us in our learning, we will be taking part in an Exploration of Europe day, looking briefly at the countries we will learn about. We will also have an Ancient Greek day where we travel back in time to learn what the Ancient Greeks did for us! Throughout the term, we will be learning about Europe and its geographical factors along with an in-depth focus on Italy and its environmental regions. We will enhance our enquiry with some of the amazing art from these European countries, including Gaudi and Stephen Wiltshire. Alongside this, we will also learn about what a volcano is; what causes an earthquake; and how these impact upon communities.

Deepening Knowledge Task

Reading

Reading is the gateway to the curriculum.

We will be reading the text 'Around the world in 80 days?'

Have a look at the following link to listen to the chapters of the story at home:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hPX3PeYnak4>

Writing

This term we will be writing a non-chronological report about Ancient Greek Gods. We will also be writing an explanation text on volcanoes and a Haiku poems!

Research the Ancient Greek Gods and create a bank of words and phrases that you can use in your non-chronological report. This link may help you:

[Ancient Greece | Gods and goddesses | KS2 History | BBC Teach](#)

Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme in Maths. Follow the link below and you can follow lesson by lesson what your child is learning in school.

<https://whiteroseeducation.com/parent-pupil-resources/maths/home-learning?year=year-3-new>

This is a great resource to support your child and for you to see how we teach maths.

Science

In science, our focus will be **Chemistry and Physics** and we will be learning about **Forces and Rocks**.

To develop your learning at home, look at this lesson on magnets and find out what they are!

The following link will support this: <https://classroom.thenational.academy/lessons/what-are-magnets-cgvkee>

RE

This term, we will be learning about 'What do different people believe about God?'

These videos can help you to learn more about each religion we will be learning about:

Christianity

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/ztbxpv4/articles/zvfnkmn>

Islam

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdt/bk/articles/zrxgwx>

Hinduism

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zh86n39/articles/zmpp92p>

PSHE

Our PSHE curriculum is supported by the PSHE Association. Over the Autumn term we will be focusing on the questions: 'What makes a good friend?' focusing on building strong friendships and 'What keeps us safe?' focusing on safety both on and offline. Remember: it is always important to share your worries with trusted adults. If you would like to talk through any of the curriculum planning and resources for this term, please contact your child's class teacher.

Here is a lesson you can look at home about friendships! [How to be a good friend KS2 | Y3 RSHE \(PSHE\) Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

Here is a series of lessons you can look at home about staying safe! [Keeping safe KS2 | Y3 RSHE \(PSHE\) Lesson Resources | Oak National Academy](#)

Computing

We teach Computing through Purple Mash. This term we will be learning about how to stay safe online and coding. The following links may be helpful:

<https://www.saferinternet.org.uk/advice-centre/young-people/resources-3-11s>

<https://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/online-safety/>

PE

Outdoor PE: Netball, Orienteering
Indoor PE: Gymnastics, Dance

These lessons will include a particular focus on building sequences in gymnastics and dance, and performing to others.

Warm up at home with this video! [8 Minute SPIN THE WHEEL Kids Workout | The Body Coach TV](#)

