

Year 3



Autumn Term 2023

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 - Mrs Jacques and Mrs Brough

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. And please ensure your child brings their book and diary to school every day.

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.

PE Kits

On the day of PE, children will come into school in their PE kits. This is every **Tuesday** and **Friday** for Year 3.

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.

Important Dates

Event	Dates
Hook Day – children can come dressed in holiday clothes	7 th September
Ancient Greek day – dress up as an ancient Greek for the day	18 th September
European Day of Languages	26 th September
Harvest Festival	16 th October
Halloween Disco	25 th October
World Science Day	10 th November
Christmas Fair	6 th December
Carol Concert	20 th December

Homework

Each week the children will be given a piece of maths and reading homework to complete. This piece of homework is **compulsory**. Homework will be handed out on a Friday and is expected to be in school and completed by the following Friday. Children are also expected to read every day at home and complete their times tables daily. Spellings will be given out every Monday and tested the following Monday.

White Rose Maths videos are also shared in Class Dojo every week with the week's learning so your child can watch them daily before the lesson. They can also use these videos after the lesson to secure their learning of a particular objective.

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



What defines a culture?

This term, our enquiry question is What defines a 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 and an Ancient Greek day where we travel back in time! Throughout the term we will be learning about Europe and its geographical factors along with an in-depth focus on Italy, Ancient Greece and 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 'Who Let The Gods Out?' by Maz Evans

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

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6AP-Gwu59CI>

Writing

This term we will be writing a story based on Greek adventure. We will also be writing an explanation text on a tsunami and a non-chronological report about volcanoes.

Research Ancient Greece and create a bank of descriptive words and phrases that you can use in your adventure story. This link may help you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Bfkp1QMhg-E>

Research how volcanoes work and find some technical vocabulary to include in your explanation text. This link may help you: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=OSK-jYdEgFE>

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/ztkxpv4/articles/zvfnkmn>

Islam

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zpdtspb/articles/zrxxgwx>

Hinduism

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

PSHE

Over the Autumn term we will be focusing on the questions:

'What makes a good friend?'

'What keeps us safe?'

Remember: sometimes we keep secrets from other people. Sometimes these secrets are not appropriate, and you must tell a trusted adult.



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.

