



Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026: Year 3



Welcome to Year 3 and to the start of a new school year. We're delighted with how well the children have settled and have enjoyed getting to know them. You will have already received a letter regarding reading and homework and this newsletter is to share our curriculum focus for the autumn term.

We have many exciting curriculum opportunities planned for the term ahead including a visit to Kingswood where the children will be learning more about the Stone Age. Miss Cartwright, Mr Jones, Mrs Baker, Mrs Harper, Mrs Hill, Mrs Turner and Mrs Riley-Payne are all looking forward to the term ahead and look forward to getting to know you all as the term progresses.

English In the Autumn Term, the children will be reading a number of brilliant books such as 'Stone Age Boy' and 'The Stolen Spear' for their whole class reading sessions. In writing, the children will be learning how to write instructions, a wishing tale, a non-chronological report and a diary.	Maths This term we will be developing your child's understanding of place value within 1000, addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will be using lots of practical equipment to explore and represent three-digit numbers and doing lots of work on our times tables. You can support your child with this by using their times table book and playing times table games.
Science In Science, we will be learning about rocks, fossils, soils and electricity. Music 3J will be learning how to play the recorder in Autumn 1 and 3L will start their recorder lessons in Autumn 2. If your child has a recorder at home, it would be great for them to practise the notes we are learning. PSHE (RSE) The children will begin to look at setting goals for the year, the importance of responsibility and how to work well as a team. We will also be learning about British Values. Art/DT In Art, the children will be learning about Stone Age art including cave drawings and using cross-hatching skills. In DT, the children will design and make their own Christmas biscuits. RE The children will be learning all about Christianity. We will be exploring what Christians believe in, how the bible is structured and discussing what a 'prophet' is. They will also learn about Christian love known as agape.	PE Our PE topics will be taught on Wednesdays and Thursdays for both classes. 3L will be swimming on Thursdays up until October half term. In our PE lessons, we will be doing netball, gymnastics and swimming. MFL In French, we are learning basic phrases in order to greet people and tell them our names. We will learn how to count, say our age and different classroom objects. Geography/History In History, the children will be learning all about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. They will analyse lots of sources to make predictions about the past. In Geography, we will be learning about South Wales. Computing In Computing, the children will be learning how to touch type and use email, using Purple Mash. This will assist them to type quickly, and with more accuracy.

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As you can see, it promises to be an exciting term and we look forward to seeing the children flourish as they enjoy, achieve and learn! Please do not hesitate to contact us if you require any support.

	Reading	Spelling	Maths	Additional (optional) Tasks
Homework Plan Year 3	Every child will be encouraged to read up to 3 times a week. (Books changed as required)	A set of spellings will be sent home each week on a Friday and tested the following Friday.	My Maths weekly activity (tasks set each Wednesday) https://login.mymaths.co.uk/login	Online resources available on the Year 3 Class page

Facing Challenges



Community



Collaboration



Self and Lifestyle



Resourcefulness



Reflection

