

Year 3 - Spring Term 2026



Happy New Year!

We hope you had a great Christmas break.



Looking Back at Autumn Term

The children had a fantastic first term in year 3. They enjoyed participating in a range of activities in the reading cafes, had fun practising and performing their Christmas assembly, and learnt what it was like to live during the Stone Age period from our Stone-Age visitors.

History

Next half term, we will begin learning about Romans and how they became such a powerful empire.



Reading

Last term, the children enjoyed working towards their targets for Accelerated Reader. Children have been set new targets for this term; if they achieve them, they will receive a certificate and be entered into a raffle to win a book. Progress towards the targets can be reviewed by looking at their rocket after completing each quiz.

Children can quiz on their books at home if they choose, using the link - <https://ukhosted30.renlearn.co.uk/2048880/default.aspx>

During our whole class reading sessions, classes are currently enjoying a variety of texts such as, *The Pebble in My Pocket*, *The Firework Maker's Daughter*, *SheepPig* and *the Jaberwocky*.

We continue to monitor the children's reading, collecting in the Reading Records each week. Dojos are given for those who have read and recorded 5 reading sessions at home.



English

Throughout the term, we will continue to extend the children's knowledge and enjoyment of a range of genres including:

- Narrative written in third person
- Non-chronological report
- Instructions
- First person narrative descriptions
- Performance poetry



Maths

Whilst building on prior knowledge from the autumn term, this term the children will also learn:

- Unit 6 – Multiplication and division
- Unit 7 – Length and perimeter
- Unit 8 – Fractions
- Unit 9 – Mass
- Unit 10 – Capacity

Geography

This half term, the children will be learning about where their food comes from. They will learn that different food is produced in a variety of countries around the world. This will be linked to tropical climate zones, the Mediterranean and the UK. We've organised a trip to the Suffolk Museum of Food in Stowmarket on 24th March to link with this learning, and emails have already been sent out with the details of this.

P.E. and Games



This half term, indoor PE will be on a Monday.

Outdoor PE will be taught on a Tuesday afternoon on a rotation with children having a lesson 2 weeks out of three..

Whilst the weather is cold, please ensure your child has a warm jumper and tracksuit bottoms to wear outside during PE, and shorts and T-shirt for indoor PE sessions.

We also ask that earrings are not worn on these days. If earrings do need to be worn, then the children need to bring in tape to cover them. For your child's safety, please ensure they have a spare hairband, if necessary, in their PE bag so long hair can be tied back.



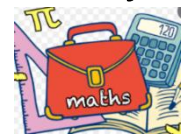
Science

This term during their science lessons, the children will be learning about 'Magnets and Forces'. They will learn about what forces are and that some need contact and some, such as magnetism, do not. They will investigate the strength of magnets and also the effect friction has on moving objects.

After half term, we will be learning about 'Plants'. As part of this learning, we hope to be visiting Rushmere Heath on Monday 10th March - a letter will be sent out in due course with further details.

Homework

Following the success of last half-term's 'bingo' homework, children have been given a new set of activities linked to their learning this term. We ask that one activity is completed a week. This homework sheet is also available on the Year 3 pages of the website. Children should bring in their blue homework books on Monday 9th February.



TT Rockstars

In preparation for their statutory multiplication check in Year 4, children are asked to practise their times-tables as part of learning at home; TT Rockstars and mathsframe give them a method to practise in an interactive way. Their times tables will be monitored by the class teacher. Children have been given log-in details for TT Rockstars and these can be found on their reading records.



We would like to thank you for your continued support.

