



Year 3 Newsletter

September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

We would like to welcome you to Year 3!

Here's some information about what we will be learning about this half term:

Our Learning	Key Vocabulary
English Focus text: Stone age boy and Stig of the dump. This term, children will focus on improving the accuracy and fluency of their writing through a range of engaging activities. They will learn to write clear, well-punctuated sentences using full stops, question marks and exclamation marks correctly, while also developing their understanding of conjunctions such as and , but and so . Children will use these skills to write a historical recount, applying spelling patterns, common exception words and key suffixes to support their writing. Later in the term, children will learn how to expand their sentences by adding more detail and description. They will explore expanded noun phrases and prepositions to create vivid character descriptions, helping their writing become more interesting and engaging for the reader. Alongside this, children will continue to develop their spelling knowledge through new Year 3 and 4 common exception words, prefixes and spelling patterns. We look forward to seeing their confidence and creativity flourish throughout the term.	Historical recount Letter Sentence Noun Suffix Adjective Noun phrase Preposition Coordination Subordination
Maths - Place value to 1000 - Addition and subtraction - Multiplication and Division This term, children will develop their understanding of numbers to 1,000 through place value work, helping them read, write, compare and order numbers with confidence. They will also build fluency in addition and subtraction before exploring multiplication and division, developing strategies to solve calculations and reason mathematically.	Represent/Order numbers to 1000 Partition Add Subtract Multiply Divide

RE • God created the world and everything in it out of love. • Every person is made in the image and likeness of God and is unique and precious. • We are called to care for God's creation and treat it with respect. • God invites people into a special relationship with Him, known as a covenant. • The Bible's creation stories help us understand God's love and purpose for humanity. • Our gifts and talents are part of God's plan, and we can use them to help others. • Christians are called to live as stewards of creation by looking after the environment and one another.	Creation Covenant Creator Stewardship Image of God Genesis
History/Geography • Stone Age to Bronze Age • Identifying features of early human life • To explain how life changed during the Neolithic period • To explain key changes in the Bronze Age • To know the features of life in Iron Age Britain. • What made Britain great.	Stone Age Hunter gatherer Settlement Bronze Age Iron Age
Art This term, children will explore the fascinating world of the Stone Age through art. They will investigate prehistoric cave paintings, learning about the materials, techniques and symbols used by early humans. Using these ideas as inspiration, children will create their own paintings and sculptures, developing their skills in drawing, colour, texture and form while expressing their creativity.	Cave art Sculpture
PSHE - Taught using Ten Ten • What contributes to identity (e.g. ethnicity, family, gender, faith, culture) • Know some gender stereo types • Know there are rules that ensure a community is successful • Know everyday things that affect feelings and strategies to respond to feelings. • Identify different types of relationships and how care is shown	Identity, gender, relationships, family

Know that families of all types can give family members love, security and stability	
French This term, children will begin their journey of learning French through our topic Les Fruits (Fruits) and J'apprends le français (I am learning French). They will learn simple vocabulary, practise speaking and listening skills, and build confidence in introducing familiar words and phrases. Through songs, games and interactive activities, children will develop an enthusiasm for learning a new language and exploring French culture.	Les Fruits J'apprends le Francais
Music This term, children will enjoy weekly music lessons every Wednesday led by the OLOL Peripatetic Music Team. They will develop their musical skills through singing, listening, performing and exploring rhythm and melody, while building confidence, creativity and a love of music.	

Reading books

Children are being assessed and new books will go out by Friday 11th September.

Homework

Spellings and Tough Ten will go out on a Wednesday to be tested the following Wednesday.

PE

PE days – Please note these are Wednesday and Thursday, please come in school PE kit comprising white tee shirt, back shorts and black hooded top. No branded PE kit please.

Reading Books

Please continue to encourage your child to read regularly at home. Reading for just 10 to 15

minutes each day helps to develop fluency, comprehension and a lifelong love of books. Children should bring their reading book and reading record to school each day.

School Uniform

A reminder that our non-negotiable expectation is that all children attend school in the correct smart school uniform, including **black school shoes**. Smart presentation helps children take pride in themselves and their school.

Trips and Enrichment

We are looking forward to a range of exciting learning opportunities this year, including curriculum-linked visits and visitors. Further details will be shared with parents as arrangements are confirmed.

Attendance Matters

Good attendance is vital for success in school. Thank you for your continued support in ensuring your child attends school every day and arrives on time, ready to learn.

How You Can Help at Home

Parents can support learning by:

- Listening to their child read regularly.
- Visiting the local library and encouraging a love of books.
- Practising spellings and key number facts.
- Talking about learning at home and encouraging curiosity about the world around them.

Thank you for your continued support. We look forward to a fantastic term of learning together!