

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3 Term 1 2026/2027

Welcome to Year 3!

Dear Parents and Carers,

I am looking forward to getting to know each child and supporting them to grow in confidence, independence, and curiosity. It's going to be a fantastic year, and I can't wait to share it with you.

Readers and Authors



As authors this term, we will be reading *Out of the blue* by Robert Tregoney. This book will inspire our reading and writing, helping children to explore themes of bravery and discovery.

Later in the term, we will also be writing a set of instructions on how to make a compass, combining our literacy skills with practical learning and cross-curricular links to science and design.

Mathematicians



Our focus will begin with adding and subtracting across 10, helping children strengthen their number sense and mental strategies. We'll then move on to exploring numbers up to 1,000, where we will develop their understanding of place value and number structure.

Later in the term, we'll introduce right angles, encouraging children to identify and compare angles in shapes and the environment.

Historians



This term, Year 3 are stepping into the shoes of historians as they explore the fascinating world of the Tudors!

The children will be learning about life during the Tudor period, including the reign of Henry VIII, the significance of the Tudor monarchy, and what everyday life was like for people at the time.

Athletes



This term, our young athletes will be taking part in two exciting sports:

- Robins on Tuesdays
- Cricket on Wednesdays

Please ensure your children are wearing their PE kits on these days

Scientists



This term, Year 3 will be exploring magnets and forces in science. Children will learn how different forces affect movement and how magnets interact with various materials. Using the knowledge gained throughout the term, children will apply their learning to design and make their own working compass, combining scientific understanding with creativity and problem-solving.

Citizens



In Jigsaw, we will be learning about relationships and life as an EPA citizen.

We will be accepting that everyone is different, learning about the word 'inclusion' and discussing the use of kind words.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions regarding our learning.

At home learning



Please listen to your child read at home 5 times per week. This is the most important thing you can do to support learning at this age. Just 5 minutes per day makes a big difference. Don't forget to ask your child to identify the sounds in the words – they will be very keen to show off their phonics skills!

We will change reading books when appropriate.

Reading is the most important thing you can do with your child to advance their learning journey.

Most importantly...

Have fun reading together!

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| 1. Create reading rituals and read every day. | 2. Snuggle up close with a book before bed. |
| 3. Talk about pictures and ask questions while reading. | 4. Share all different kinds of books (stories, nonfiction, poetry). |
| 5. Read favorite books again and again. | 6. Read with expression. |

'Good readers are made on the laps of parents.'

Yours sincerely,
Ms Wicks
Teacher