

CLARENDON JUNIOR SCHOOL

CURRICULUM INFORMATION
FOR PARENTS
YEAR 3

Spring Term 1 2026



*Take One Artist
Cat with Red Fish
By Henri Matisse*

ENGLISH

We will focus on the wonderful story 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. We will explore how the author creates an atmosphere in his writing and will plan and write our own opening to a sequel to the story. We will explore using the present perfect tense and subordinate conjunctions. In reading, we will continue to explore a variety of different books and we will be working on our comprehension and retrieval skills in Whole Class Reading sessions. We will look at various spelling rules and patterns including vowel sounds, prefixes and suffixes.

ART

Our Art project this term will be linked to our 'Take One Artist.'

Children will use close looking and the "Show Me What You See" technique to explore artwork from the artist Matisse. Children will explore how they can use shape and colour to simplify elements, inspired by the cut-outs of Henri Matisse.

MODERN FOREIGN LANGUAGES

We will be exploring food in French and learning how to speak about our friends and family.

COMPUTING

This term our computing topic will be exploring the concept of sequencing sounds through programming in Scratch. The final project will be to make a representation of a piano.

MATHS

In Maths we will work on our skills in:

- Multiplication & Division
- Money
- Fractions

We will be working on consolidating the 3, 4 and 8 times tables as well as the matching division facts.

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THEME: 'TAKE ONE ARTIST'
Artist Focus— Matisse

PSHE

This term's theme is 'Looking Forward'. We will be looking at target setting and the importance of team building. We will work on developing interpersonal skills.

HOMEWORK

Homework is reading, spellings and times tables. It is set on a weekly basis and the children are tested on a Thursday.

P.E.

Each week we have an indoor and outdoor PE session. In indoor PE we will be working on our gymnastics skills, using apparatus. In outdoor PE we will be focusing on basketball skills.

GEOGRAPHY

In Geography, we will be exploring coasts, looking at the key coastal features. We will learn how they are formed as well as the effect of erosion on our coastlines.

RE

Our RE this term is exploring Hinduism and why they want to collect good Karma. We will explore Hindu beliefs about life and death and explore selfless acts of kindness.

MUSIC

In music we will be listening to Cuban music. We will explore the rhythms by learning some salsa steps as well as learning to play chords on the ukulele to accompany the songs.

SCIENCE

This term, we will look at Animals including Humans. We will be exploring the human skeleton and muscles, looking at the functions of each. We will also be finding out about healthy diets and sorting foods into the different food groups. We will then plan our own healthy meals.