



# Year 3 Spring Term 2026

## In all things love



Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new Year

Welcome back to everyone in Year 3. We have a very busy half term, taking us to the Easter break. As we start the new year, please be aware that we tend to have some quite cold weather snaps, so please can children come to school in a suitable coat and hat and gloves if needed. Also, a small reminder for children to have a drinks bottle to be kept in class throughout the day (in addition to a packed lunch drink) but we kindly ask that this is only used for water (no juice).

### Religious Education



We will start the Spring Term thinking about Epiphany and the Magi meeting Jesus. We will follow the teachings of Jesus through our topic Galilee to Jerusalem. We will talk about the miracles Jesus performed along with the parables he told linking to the Kingdom of God. We will closely look at our family prayer 'The Lord's Prayer' and see how this teaches us how to follow in the footsteps of Jesus. In the second part of the spring term, leading us through Lent and up to Easter we will follow the journey of Jesus from 'Desert to Garden'. We will make links between the Last Supper and the Mass and how and why we receive Holy Communion.

### Prayer and Liturgy



Children will have daily prayer and liturgy reflection time and whole school Worship. Year 3 will share a mass at with parent in the first part of the Spring Term. Throughout the term, as a class, we will learn prayers and discuss the Lord's prayer and the actions relating Holy Communion. We will continue to follow worship led by Year 6 as a whole school as we move through the Spring Term. Also, our Star Learner Awards will be presented to Year 3 children during Friday's worship.

### Guided Reading



These sessions will take place each week led by Mrs. Pearce and supported by Miss Hill. We will also continue to a whole class guided read using texts to suit the children's learning in class. We will be following on with books that the children are familiar with and they will have the opportunity to practise reading aloud as well as developing their ability to answer a variety of comprehension questions. Daily home reading is to continue as part of their home learning, with the children also completing 'Vipers' comprehension texts on Seesaw. We will also have a 'Reading for Pleasure' slot in class on a Tuesday morning where children can bring a reading book or any reading material from home to read in the classroom.

### Writing, spelling and grammar



Year 3 will continue to follow their Reading to Writing journey which will encompass spelling, grammar and punctuation activities. We will look at the different genres of Adventure stories, Kennings Poems and compiling and dramatising a playscript. We will also have a strong focus on handwriting refining a cursive handwriting style and improving presentation. We will be using an interactive tool called 'Letterjoin' in class to help with this aspect of learning. In addition to this, and to help improve our spellings we will also be handwriting spellings as part of the homework tasks.

## Maths



Lessons this term will focus revisiting Autumn term targets of working with numbers to 1000. In addition to this we will be looking at the geometry aspect of Angles and their properties. Our number work will concentrate on securing mental and written calculations to include all four operation of addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will continue to use our school times table scheme to learn multiplication facts

## Topic/Science



Year 3 Children will be covering topics that include looking at our environment and focussing on Rocks and Soils in the first part of the term onto looking at fossils and food chains as we move towards Easter. We will discuss different types of Rocks and how the Earth provides us these and how we use these in our everyday lives. This leads us to investigating fossils and the food chain aspect investigates how this fits into lifecycles of our planet and how food chains are important to our survival.

## PE



Mrs Kelsh-Ridge and Mrs Salt will be continuing to teach PE on a Wednesday morning and a Thursday afternoon. Children should arrive at school ready for PE wearing a school tracksuit. Children will follow the PE curriculum and this term the children will be learning attacking and defending skills through Netball and learning about their bodies in the Health & fitness topic. In the second part of the term they will learn skills to enhance football and learn the rules and how to play rounders.

## Computing



Computing will be integrated into all areas of learning, as often as possible however, we will be following a pathway of learning to strengthen how computing is used in programming and everyday life. We will talk about the parts of a computer or a tablet and how they work and their connections to Wifi and networks. We will also look at using databases and sequencing sound.

## History/Geography and Art/Design Technology



Looking at life during the Egyptian period of History and how the Egyptians lived and worked. Initially, with a focus on the timeline chronology of the Egyptians we will visit key elements of this time in history. (Significant persons/trade & settlements (River Nile)/Buildings (pyramids) Investigate who was Tutankhamun and identify artifacts from this period? In Geography we will Name and locate the four countries of the United Kingdom to include their capital cities and surrounding areas. Our art and design topics will link with Egyptians to make masks and design a cartouche.

## Homework and Home Reading



Year 3 will continue to complete homework on-line using SEESAW for reading comprehension, TT RockStars for maths/timetables and Edshed to learn weekly spellings. In addition to this children will have a handwriting focus to practise their spellings. It is essential that children still read at home as much as possible and return books to be changed in class.

## Spring Term Dates

Year 3 Class Mass - TBC

School closes for half term - Friday 12<sup>th</sup> February

School re opens - Monday 23<sup>rd</sup> February

School closes for Easter Holidays Wednesday 1<sup>st</sup> April

School Re-opens - Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April

Many thanks Mrs. Pearce and Miss Hill