



Jericho Primary School

Class Newsletter Spring 2025

Year 3

Welcome to Year 3!

We hope you have had a fantastic Christmas break, it has been great to welcome the children back. It is going to be an exciting term as we have some brilliant topics to enjoy!

The Year 3 Team

Our Year 3 team this term is:

3H: Jessica Hope

3W: Kieran Rooney

We also have 2 teaching assistants who will be supporting the year group:

Mrs Jackson

Miss Smith

This term our curriculum covers the following areas:

Literacy: In our reading and writing this term we will be Looking at third person narratives, instructions, non-chronological reports and formal letters of complaint. We will also be reading: Stone Girl Bone Girl, The Magic Faraway Tree and Fantastic Mr Fox. Some classic texts and authors loved by many. We will be identifying main and subordinating clauses, prepositions, adverbs and using a/an accurately. In addition, we will be practising using suffixes and pre-fixes. We will also be using commas to separate adjectives in expanded noun phrases and in a list.

Mathematics: Our term starts by continuing to focus on our times tables, specifically the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. We will then move on to learning how to set out 2-digit x 1 digit multiplication in columns and the tens and ones method for division. Following this, we learn to measure and convert mm, cm and m and find the perimeter. In our fraction work, we'll be ordering fractions, finding equivalent fractions and fractions of amounts.

Science: Our topic is rocks and how they are formed. We will learn how the different rock types, fossils and soil are formed as well as investigate the layers of the earth and evidence of weathering and erosion. There will also be a fantastic trip to Keswick for a Rocks and Fossil workshop to help deepen our rock knowledge. In Spring 2, our focus is plants. We will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants and look at what plants need for life and to growth. Also, we'll investigate the way in which water are transported within plants and explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants.

Geography: In Geography we will be learning about tectonic plates, the formation of mountains, volcanoes and earthquakes and the impact of these on the world around them. A fascinating topic that links brilliantly to our work in Science. In Spring 2, we learn about the water cycle and where water comes from? We study what makes up the weather, why we have seasons and consider why is the world's weather changing?

R.E.: Our first Spring enquiry is the celebration of Diwali, focusing on belonging, the story of Rama and Sita and how Hindus celebrate together. In our Easter enquiry, we explore the Easter story with a lens of forgiveness for Christians.

Art: Creating mixed media landscapes using watercolour and sewing textiles in the style of Alice Kettle and Sandra Goldsborough.

DT: Developing our artwork through sewing and embroidery.

PSHE: Keeping ourselves safe by assessing risk and knowing how to keep safe online.

Music: Exploring the work of Bob Marley and the genre of Reggae music

French: Learning animal and instrument names

P.E. Basketball, developing passing and moving skills and applying these to basketball games.



Uniform and PE Kit

We are incredibly proud of how smart our Year 3's look following the school's uniform policy. The expectations for PE kit can also be found here and this was parentmailed out in the Autumn term. For health and safety reasons, we request that long hair is to be tied back in PE lessons and earrings should be removed. If they cannot be removed, then they should be covered with tape.

PE KIT

PE kit MUST be clearly labelled with your child's name.

A standard PE kit should contain;

- White t-shirt
- Dark shorts/ jogging bottoms
- trainers
- All hair should be tied back and earrings will be covered if not removed.

PE DAYS:

Wednesday – Basketball – outdoor, please make sure to pack warm kit!

Thursday – Beach/Forest School

Please be reminded that the classroom doors open at 8.45am, ready for a prompt and positive start to the school day at 8.50am. Gates are closed at 8.55am.

Happy News!

We are an outstandingly happy school!

Please keep an eye out for our happy 'Praise Postcards' and Star of the Week certificates.

We will also share any exciting Year 3 news on our school Facebook page.

We look forward to an exciting year 2024 with you all, and if there are any queries or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us via the school office or at the hall doors at the end of the day.

Homework

Your support with home learning is vitally important this year in order to extend and consolidate the work that we do in Year 3. This will help to ensure that your children achieve as well as they possibly can. Homework in Year 3 is sent home each Tuesday via Seesaw. Please check your Parentmails for full information about homework.

A basic outline is given below for your child's year group:

Daily Reading

Please remember to sign the reading records daily.

Maths

- TT Rockstars – 10 minutes daily is recommended.
- A timer could be used to avoid over lengthy amounts of screen time spent on these apps.

Words to Read and Spell:

- Most children will have ten words.
- 5 words will be linked to a spelling rule and 5 words are everyday words that we need to learn in Year 3.

Kind regards

Year 3 Team!