

Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Autumn Term 2026

We are Year 3: Boyan Slat



Welcome to Year 3

We would like to welcome you back to the start of a new academic year; it is lovely to meet all of the children at Katherine's Academy and to start to get to know them!

This is an important year for the children as they transition from Key Stage 1 to Key Stage 2; adjusting to a new environment, with new routines and with the same high expectations for work ethic and perseverance. Children will continue to develop their reading with daily reading lessons, explore new texts including fiction and non-fiction and continue to master times tables, inverse and lots of other new concepts in maths lessons.

What are we learning this term?

English

We will be studying 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary' by Simon Bartram to inspire our creative writing to develop more complex descriptions. This is followed by 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura. Throughout the term, we will work on developing our writing skills with these books and a number of other texts used for comprehension practice and class reading.

Home reading

As readers, children should read every night to develop accuracy and fluency. An adult should then sign their reading record book to show this has taken place. Your child should bring in their Home School book every day. It is important to hear your child read as this will help to build their confidence too. You can also see their progress first-hand.

Maths

As mathematicians, we will be studying our 3, 4 and 8 times tables throughout the year. We will be extending our knowledge of place value by exploring numbers up to 1000. We will develop our written methods to add, subtract and multiply 2 digit numbers. We will also be studying statistics and money. Children will continue to have a weekly mental maths test.

RWV/ RSE

As theologians, we will begin the Autumn term in R&W by learning about how people express commitment to a religion in different ways. We will discuss the different rites of passage in terms of religious identity and discuss and compare ceremonies from a variety of religions. In RSE, we will be learning about relationships and positive wellbeing.

History

As historians, we will be studying The Stone Age. We will be learning about the different periods of the Stone Age and understanding their relationship to each other on a timeline.

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - The Stone Age

Geography - The U.K.

Science - Animals Including Humans & Rocks

Computing- Animation

Art - Light and Dark

D.T. - Seasonal Foods

R&W - Commitment to religions & The Trinity

RSE- Our Relationships

Music- Writing Music Down

PE- Hockey, Dodgeball, Handball

MFL- Greetings

Art/ DT

As artists, we will be studying the topic of Light and Dark. They will explore tints and shades as well as the illusion a 3D shape can make.

Computing

As technicians, we will be learning how to use technology safely and responsibly while creating stop-frame animations on tablets. We will use our skills to make story-based animations and finish by adding music and text to bring our creations to life.

P.E.

We will be learning how to improve our performance in Rugby and Football. P.E. days are **Monday** and **Thursday** and some lessons will be taught by a specialist PE coach. Your child may come dressed in clean PE kit for these days. Earrings and other items of jewellery must be removed for PE and long hair should be tied back.

Science

As scientists, we will study animals including humans as well as rocks. We will be looking at the main types of rock and the different ways in which they are formed. We will also be learning about how rocks can be classified as well as planning and carrying out experiments to help develop our understanding of the topic.

Geography

As geographers, we will explore our locational knowledge, looking specifically at the UK and considering what makes up the UK. Children will explore maps and atlases throughout this topic.

Notes ...

In Year 3, homework will be set online. There will be no homework books. Our homework focus this year is consistently reading five times a week at home as well as accessing:

Mathletics - 1 task fortnightly www.mathletics.com/uk/

TTRS - please aim for 3x per week www.ttrs.com

Spelling Shed - weekly www.edshed.com

Logins are now in the Home School book for all three websites.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school every day -filled **only** with water!

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated! Mrs Cound and Miss Whiteland