



Curriculum Newsletter

Katherines Primary Academy - Autumn Term 2025

We are Year 3: Boyan Slat

Welcome to Year 3

We would like to warmly welcome you back to the start of a new academic year; it is lovely to meet all of the children and to start to get to know them! We are sure it will be a very productive year for every child and look forward to working closely with you and watching them grow and learn over this time!

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

As writers, we will be studying 'Dougal's Deep Sea Diary' by Simon Bartram to inspire our creative writing. 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. Every time they read, they will gain a star on their card in the front of the diary and when it is full they will be rewarded for their effort with a prize from the Head teacher. Your child should bring in their Home School

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

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

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- Digital Devices

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

P.E.

As athletes, there will be a focus on a variety of PE skills this term. We will be learning how to improve our performance in hockey and Dodgeball. P.E. days are **Wednesday** 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.

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.

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.

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:

MyMaths - 1 task fortnightly www.mymaths.co.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 Zeidan and Miss Whiteland