



Year 3

Autumn Term 1 - 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome back, and welcome to Year 3! I hope all your children are looking forward to the exciting topics that we are going to be looking at this half term.

In Literacy, we are going to be looking at a unit of work about folktales, and we will be using a story called *The Lancashire Giant*. The children will be writing their own version of the story. Then we will explore stories about Paddington. We will enjoy reading and discussing Paddington stories, and then we will innovate part of a story to write our own version.

In Maths, we will be learning the topics: Number, Place Value, Addition, and Subtraction. We love a challenge in Maths, as that is how we learn! We will use lots of practical resources, as these help us to develop our mathematical understanding.

Our Science topic is all about plants. We will be learning to describe the life cycle of flowering plants, including pollination, seed formation, seed dispersal, and germination. We will also carry out various investigations, including what happens to plants when they are left in different conditions.

In Geography, our topic is about waste. We will be learning about what happens to the waste that we throw away. We will look at the importance of recycling and the pros and cons of using plastic. The children will use maps to explore where waste goes when it is taken to landfill.

In RE, we have two topics this half term. First, we will be learning about Harvest and exploring the meaning and purpose of Harvest Festival celebrations. Our next topic is about Peace. The children will learn to use religious vocabulary to talk about peace, showing their understanding of religious texts and beliefs.

In PSHE, our topic is called *How can we be a good friend?* The children will learn how to build good friendships, but also how to resolve disputes and reconcile differences.

In DT, we will be exploring levers and sliders in pop-up books in order to design and create our own moving picture to tell a story.

In Music, the children will be learning how to play the ukulele this half term.

In Computing, we will be learning how to email. During this topic, the children will learn how to write and send an email, how to open and then reply to an email. They will learn how to use email safely and what to do if they need to report something.

We also do daily guided reading sessions, a ninja comprehension session, handwriting sessions, and three spelling lessons per week.

Our PE days are Monday and Tuesday. Please make sure that a fully labelled PE kit is in school at all times. Children will also need their PE kits if they are taking part in one of our after-school sports clubs.

Please listen to your child read daily and record this in their reading record.  
Your child can then add points on the class chart and earn their bronze,  
silver, and then a gold badge.

Please feel free to message me on Class Dojo if you have any questions.  
Thank you for all your support from home,

Mrs Gardner and Mrs Khawaja