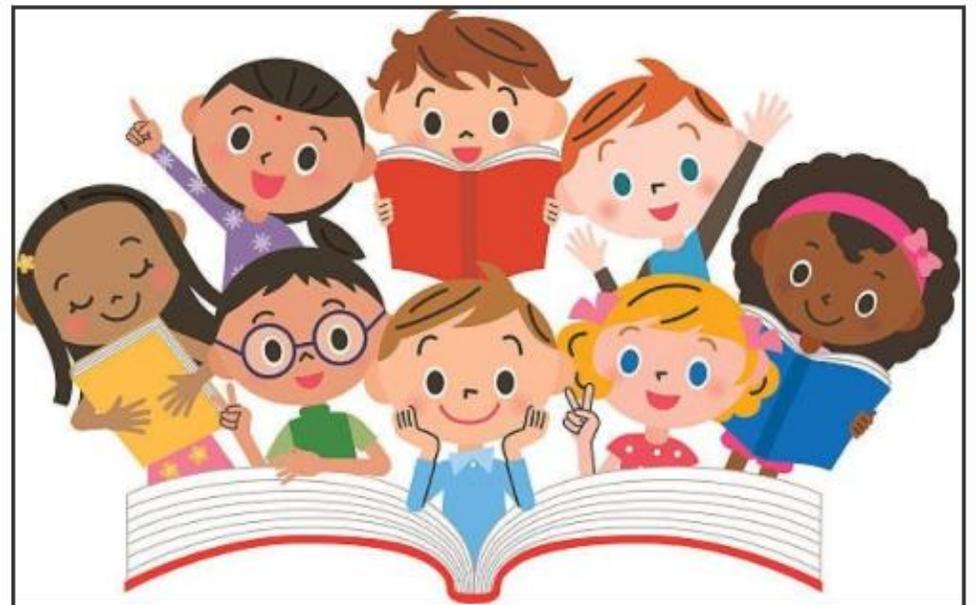




Year 3

Autumn Term 2 - 2025



Dear Parents,

Welcome back! 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 follow on from our Paddington stories by looking at a non-fiction topic about London landmarks. The children will learn lots of interesting facts about landmarks in London so they will be able to write their own guide to London.

In Maths, we will be continuing our work on addition and subtraction. Then we will move on to length and perimeter and finally begin a unit of work about multiplication and division. Please encourage your child to go on Times Tables Rockstars at home to support them with their maths at school.

Our Science topic is about Light and Shadows. We will be carrying out a range of activities and investigations to find out about reflective materials and look at how shadows are formed. The children will also be making their own puppets to find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

In History, our topic is about the importance of the cotton industry and railways in Accrington during the Victorian era. The children will learn that children in the Victorian period had to work in the mills in terrible conditions. They will also learn that attitudes to child labour changed during this period.

In RE, first we will be continuing our topic about Peace. The children will learn to use religious vocabulary to talk about peace, showing their understanding of religious text and beliefs. Then our next topic is about Christmas. We will explore how the arrival of Jesus changed the world.

In PSHE, our topic is called – What keeps us safe? The children will explore how to keep safe at home, road safety, medicine safety and first aid. They will look at risks and dares and discuss what they would do in different scenarios. We also look at appropriate and inappropriate touch and seeking and giving permission in different situations.

In Art, we are studying an artist called Paul Cummins who created 3D poppies. The children will practice the skills like shaping and overlapping before creating their own 3D poppies using clay.

In Computing, our new topic is called Route Planners. Children will plan algorithms and write code that includes angles of turn to create routes for screen turtles, testing them using 2Go on Purple Mash. Children will experiment with using the repeat command to make shapes that have 90° and 45° angles.

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

Our PE day are now **Monday** and **Friday**. 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. Your child can also complete activities on Purple Mash and Spag.com from home.

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