



Week beginning 8.9.25

Key Information

PE Day – 3DC and 3IM will be on Tuesday. 3CD PE day will be on Wednesday. Please can children arrive to school in the proper PE kit – no football shirts. Earrings must be taken out before arriving to school.

Outdoor learning – 3DC will be the first class to take part this half-term on a Thursday morning. Children must arrive in their outdoor learning clothing ready to go and will change into their uniform at the end of the morning.

Messages from the Year 3 Team:

We hope you've had a lovely summer – the children having been telling us all about it! We have had a great start to the year. It has been so lovely to see the children again and we've all been very impressed with how well they're managing the transition so far.

There have been a few children arriving to school without a coat. With the weather taking a turn recently can you please send them to school either wearing a coat or with one in their bag.

This week's learning:

We have started our 'Dreams' topic with reading 'Engelbert Sneem and his Dream Vacuum Cleaner'. The children have already shown great enthusiasm for the story. This week, we will be focusing on writing a setting description inspired by the vocabulary used to describe Sneem's castle. The children will be challenged to include some high-quality language of their own by building descriptive noun phrases.

In Maths, we will continue our work on place value with a focus on representing numbers to 1000 in multiple ways.

We'll also be writing numbers represented with counters in place value grids.

We'll be starting our topic lessons this week with a lesson on internet safety.

In Music, we'll be listening and responding to the song 'Love what we do'.

In our Science lessons, we'll be investigating different forces including pulling, pushing and twisting.

In our PE lessons, we'll be focusing on football and learning how to pass and receive the ball with control.

Our French lesson will be focused on introducing early phonics to support children to improve their French pronunciation.

Message from Mr Wilkes

Welcome back! It has been so lovely to see the children this week and hear all about the activities that you have been up to during the Summer break.

We have had a great start with the staff working together to develop our safeguarding knowledge on Monday and then revisiting the school's vision and values on Tuesday. We have also been exploring our school improvement priorities for the year ahead which include developing our approach to writing, reviewing our curriculum and using some of the latest research to further enhance our teaching and learning. It is going to be an exciting year.

We spent a lot of time last year looking at our approach to reading and we have seen some really positive outcomes as a result of this work. A new initiative we are trialling this year is a digital reading tracker. This will replace the traditional reading diary and will be a place for teachers, parents, and children to 'log' their reading. We are really excited about how this will support our work on reading for pleasure. You will receive further information about how to sign up and use the online platform next week – please don't worry it is very simple! Children will still be reading this week and your child will be working with the staff to select their new book.

We have also welcomed our new nursery children into school. It has been a delight to see the children and their parents in the nursery and I want to say a big thank you to the team for working hard over the summer to get it ready!

As many of you will be aware, Mrs Brown the school's SENCo has been absent for a period of time. She has made the decision to leave school due to personal circumstances. School will be recruiting a new SENCo to start after Christmas, Miss Williams will continue in her role as Assistant SENCo, supported by Mrs Ireland.