

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross – Autumn Term 2026

We are Year 3: 3L, 3R, 3S



Welcome to Year 3

Welcome to Year 3! 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.

P.E.

Children will get changed at school, so please make sure their PE kit is in school. Children must wear their house colour t-shirt for PE with, and black joggers/shorts and plain black trainers. Children are also not allowed to wear earrings for PE.

3R- Wednesday & Friday

3S- Monday & Wednesday

3L- Monday & Wednesday

Home reading

Please continue to read regularly with your children at home, as this contributes to your child's progress. Your child should bring in their Home School book every day. We will be changing books every week, however they are welcome to bring their own book from home too.

Useful websites to help with homework

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels>
- <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-buttonn>
- <https://nrich.maths.org/>

Thank you for your continued support, it is much appreciated!

Miss Stratton, Mrs Radford and Mrs Smith

Topics we will be studying this term...

History – Stone Age

Geography – The U.K.

Science – Animals Including Humans & Rocks

Art – Light and Dark

D.T. – Seasonal Foods

R&W – Commitment to Religions & The Trinity

Maths

In Maths, 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 statics and money. Children will continue to have a weekly mental maths test.

English

We will start the year by 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, children will develop their writing skills with these books and a number of other texts used for comprehension practice, reciprocal reading and class reading.

History

This term in History, the children 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.

Science

In Science, the children 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

In Geography, 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.

Art

This half term in Art, the children 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.

Also...

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 – 2x tasks weekly www.mathletics.com

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

Spelling Shed – weekly www.edshed.com – spelling sheets will also be sent home weekly.

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.

