

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross – Spring Term 2026

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



Welcome to Year 3

Welcome back Year 3! We hope you had a very relaxing and enjoyable break and are ready to get back to school to learn lots of new things. This half term, children will be continuing to develop their reading with daily reading lessons and explore lots of new texts in English. Children will continue to master times tables, fractions and lots of other new methods in maths lessons.

P.E.

All children in Year 3 will have 2 PE lessons per week. 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.

3S-Monday & Friday

3W-Tuesday & Friday

3L- Tuesday & Friday

Home reading

Please do continue to read regularly with your children and remind your child to bring in their Home-School Book so we can see all of their hard work. We change 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-button>

<https://nrich.maths.org/>

Topics we will be studying this term...

History – Ancient Egypt

Geography – Egypt

Science – Forces

Art – Ancient Egyptian Scrolls

D.T. – Structures

Computing – Branching Databases

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

Mrs Smith, Miss Stratton, and Miss Winter. And Ms Payne

English

We will start the year by studying Poetry and then move on to looking at 'Robin Hood' by Rob Lloyd Carter. Throughout the term, children will develop their writing skills through the use of this book and a number of other texts used for comprehension practice, reciprocal reading and class reading.

Maths

In Maths, we will continue to study and progress with our times tables. We will be learning about shape, written methods for multiplication and division as well as adding, subtracting and ordering fractions. We will also continue to use the column method for addition and subtraction using three digit numbers.

What are we learning this term?



History

This term in History, the children will be studying the Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning about this incredible civilisation, with pharaohs leading their hierarchal system. We will understand their beliefs on the afterlife and mummification as well as the importance of the River Nile, Tutankhamun and researching the archaeologist Howard Carter and his significance.

Science

In science, the children will study forces across the whole spring term. Children will learn about the different types of forces, including contact and non-contact types, the impact friction has on a force as well as experiment and test their hypothesis. Children will continue to build their scientific skills.

Geography

In Geography, we will explore our locational knowledge, looking specifically at the country of Egypt. We will be looking at where it's located and its key features and landmarks. Children will learn about the country and compare this to the UK.

Art

This half term in Art, children will be creating Ancient Egyptian scrolls. Children will learn all about Ancient Egyptian art, make their own paper and design and create their own art on it.

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

Logins are in the Home School book for all three websites.

Children should practise their spellings online, ready for a spelling test on a Friday.

