

Curriculum Newsletter

Waltham Holy Cross - Summer Term 2026

We are Year 3: 3S, 3L, 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. We will also be broadening our historical knowledge by visiting The Hive for a Stone Age Survival adventure.

P.E.

All children in Year 3 will have a PE lesson on **Tuesday** and **Friday**. Children will get changed at school, so please make sure their PE kit is in school. They should wear their house colour top with black trainers and black joggers/shorts. Children are also not allowed to wear earrings for PE or during the school day.

Monday & Friday - 3S

Tuesday & Friday - 3W & 3L

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 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-button>

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

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

Mrs Smith, Miss Winter & Miss Stratton

Topics we will be studying this term...

History - The Romans

Geography - Italy

Science - Light and Plants

Art - Growing Artists

D.T. - Pneumatic Toys

Computing - Desktop Publishing

English

We will begin the term by studying poetry before moving on to playscripts, balanced arguments and alternative story endings. Throughout the term, children will continue to develop their writing skills through a range of stories and other texts, which will be used for comprehension practice, reciprocal reading and class reading.

Maths

In Maths, we will be working on our understanding of time, money, shape and statistics, as well as deepening our understanding of fractions to be able to find fractions of an amount.

What are we learning this term?



History

This term in History, the children will be studying the Romans. We will be learning about who the Romans were and why they invaded Britain. As well as that, we will be understanding what life was like in Roman Britain and how the Romans have influenced our lives today.

Science

In Science, the children will study light and plants. Children will learn about the importance of light, which surfaces reflect light best and how shadows are formed. We will also be learning about the roles of the main parts of a plant, the stages of a plant's lifecycle and seed dispersal.

Geography

In Geography, we will continue to explore our locational knowledge while studying Italy. We will be looking at where it is located and the key physical features that make up the landscape. We will also find out about its capital city, currency and language.

Art

This half term in Art, children will be creating observational drawings of plants, focusing on tone and texture. Their final piece will be an abstract drawing inspired by Georgia O'Keefe.

Also...

Our homework focus is **consistently reading five times a week** at home as well as accessing:

Mathletics - Weekly Tasks <https://www.mathletics.com/uk/>

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.

