Autumn Term 2026
Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Welcome to Year 3

This is an exciting term for us, starting out in Key Stage 2. In this letter we hope to give you some information about the curriculum for this term and the routines we have.

If you have any questions please pop in and see us.

Reading

Please hear your child read as often as possible. The children have a reading diary for you to record the date and title of the book and any comments you wish to make about your child's reading.
It would be useful if you could ask your child to predict what they think will happen next and explain why.
We expect all children to read at least 3 times every week at home and get their reading diary signed by an adult.

Homework

Please continue to ensure you support and encourage your children to do their homework every week. This always consists of spelling and reading, with TTRS and maths.co.uk being completed on alternate weeks.
Your continued support with this is greatly appreciated.
Thank you!

Curriculum

The Romans– we will be learning about the Roman Empire, including some map-work, how and why the Romans invaded other countries and we will learn about their weapons and lifestyles. This will also include a Roman Day when the children will dress as a Roman for a day of topic based activities.

Science– the children will be exploring how rocks and fossils are formed, their properties and uses in the world around us. We will also investigate forces and magnets this term.

RE - we will be learning about prayer and worship in Christianity and Islam. We will also be learning about Harvest and Christmas.

Computing - we will be creating our 'Times table Rockstar' avatars and practicing our tables using this fun website. We will also learn about internet safety and how to create a simple spreadsheet.

Music - the children will be developing their singing, learning a range of songs including singing in rounds. We will also begin learning the recorder. Children will be provided with a named recorder to be kept in their tray for the lesson.

PHSE - We will be following the school's 'Jigsaw' programme, which begins this term with the children thinking about how to make our school a happy and healthy place to learn.

French—the children will begin to explore French lifestyle and learn some key words such as numbers and colours as well as simple greetings.

Camping trip to Perlethorpe Thursday 24th - Friday 25th September.

We are going to have an amazing time building shelters and building boats to race in the stream. Fish and chips for tea and a bat walk before bed!

What will we be doing in English?

Reading, writing, spelling and handwriting are the key elements that we focus on in all our English units.

This term we will be learning using a range of different stimuli, including using the book 'Escape From Pompeii' and a range of poetry and informational writing sources.

Each class will immerse themselves in quality stories read to them by their teacher and we develop the children's love of reading and books.

Using our love of, and knowledge gained from, reading a variety of texts, the children will develop their writing skills, learning how to choose appropriate vocabulary, punctuation and grammar to build their skills as independent writers.

All children will be encouraged to develop their voice, being given opportunities to share their work and their ideas.

Spelling and Handwriting

Spelling lists of words to learn will be sent home each week. Please support your child in learning these words, knowing their meanings, and spotting patterns and rules. Tests will take place each week on a **Friday**.

Please ensure your child has their book with them each week. New spelling rules will be supported by activities in class.

A lot of work will continue to take place on improving handwriting, which now needs to be joined.

Newsround!

As part of our British values curriculum, we may sometimes watch Newsround on a Friday afternoon.
Teachers will always watch the specific episode in advance to ensure the content is suitable and you can request that your child does not watch Newsround if you feel the content is not appropriate.

What will we be doing in Maths?

Maths is divided into blocks which are taught throughout the term. This term the children will be developing their understanding of place value, their ability to calculate using addition and subtraction and their mental maths skills to solve problems. Knowing number facts will be a priority.
They will also be learning about angles, turns and lines.
These are things you can do at home:

- Help children to learn number bonds to 20 and 100 (eg 9 + 8 = 17, 15—7 = 8, 100—70 = 30, 28 + 72, = 100…)
- Help your child to tell the time to the nearest 5 minutes by regularly using both a digital and analogue clock
- Look at how long items are (cm and m) and where measurements are used in our everyday lives

Please bring a named drinks bottle or cup so that you can have water to drink throughout the day.

Beech Class PE will be on a Monday and Wednesday.

Oak Class PE will be on a Monday and Friday.

Willow Class PE will be on a Monday and Friday.

Please ensure your child comes to school wearing their full PE kit on these days.