

Year 3 Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2025

The autumn term has started so positively and we are looking forward to getting to know the children and working with them and you, their parents, this year. For the autumn term Mrs Gibb will be teaching on Mondays, Wednesdays and Fridays, with Mrs Laban teaching on Tuesdays and Thursdays. We are also joined by Mrs Lane and Mrs Pass.

Initiative and collaboration.

We believe in teaching children independence and promoting them to use their initiative. The children have their own class board so they know what groups they are in, where they are sitting and what their job is for the week. The children will be responsible for bringing into school, each day, their coat, reading record and book, a drink and their lunch. The children do not need to bring anything else into school as everything else will be provided for them.

In class, we all work to stay on green each week. The children will be rewarded for this by earning bronze, silver and gold behaviour stars. The children can also achieve stickers, certificates and house points.

In Year 3, we do not have "show and tell" but like to share and celebrate achievements using our Hall of Fame board. Please share any achievements outside of school, so we can celebrate together as a class. This could be a trophy, medal or a personal achievement such as trying something new or overcoming a fear.

Reading

During the start of the term, the children will be assessed on our Accelerated Reader programme. Reading books will be given that match their reading level. It is really important that the children are supported with their reading at home. In Y3, it is expected that children read five times a week at home for at least 10 minutes. They should read to an adult at home at least three times a week.

Homework

Homework will be explained and given to the children on a **Friday** and should be completed by the following **Friday**. Information about homework will be in homework books weekly for you and your child to refer to.

English

Our first pieces of writing will be inspired by a short film called La Luna. The children will be discussing the film and describing the characters and settings. After, the children will read The

Great Kapok Tree and this will be their inspiration for letters and story writing. After October half term, we will be reading and writing about Greek Myths and Legends.

Maths

This term we will focus on securing number and place value skills in a variety of different ways. The children will answer a range of fluency and reasoning questions, solve problems and work independently and collaboratively. Furthermore, they will also practise their skills in properties of shapes, addition and subtraction. This will include practicing and learning mental methods for solving addition and subtraction calculations. Also, the children will be working on their multiplication and division skills and knowledge, as well as learning their times tables.

Science

Light is our first topic and the children will learn about where light comes from and use their investigational skills to develop their knowledge about shadows. After half term, the children will learn about rocks, soils and fossils.

Topic

Our first topic is geography based and the children will be learning about the River Thames and the Amazon river. Our artwork will be inspired by English artist John Dyer and Amazonian artist Nixiwaka Yawanawá and their Spirit of the Rainforest exhibition in the Eden Project. The children will design and make their own cushions, in DT.

After October half term, our topic is history themed as we explore the lives of the Greeks. In November we will be spending a day like a Greek. More details coming soon!

PE

PE is taught on Monday afternoon and Thursday Morning, and the children will come into school wearing their PE uniform. After half term, the PE sessions may change. You will be informed, by Parent Mail, of the days before October half term.

If you have any concerns or questions, please do not hesitate to contact us. We look forward to working with you and your son or daughter this year.

Mrs Laban & Mrs Gibb

"Living and Learning Together"

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