

# Year 3 Newsletter – Autumn 1

Welcome to year 3! We are sending out our Autumn term 1 newsletter early during our transition day, so you have information about your child's new class ahead of the summer break. A copy of the newsletter will be sent out as normal, via Groupcall, after the summer holidays. We hope you have a lovely summer break and look forward to welcoming you back in September.

## Welcome

Welcome back to the start of a fresh school year! We're eagerly anticipating all the exciting learning opportunities that await us in the coming months.

This newsletter details information about the first term's curriculum and what your child will be studying in the first term of Year 3. It will also give you key dates for term 1 at the bottom of the newsletter.

### As a reminder:

Please remember to name your child's school jumper or cardigan and that lower Key Stage 2 uniform is **black/grey trousers/skirt and a white polo shirt.**

Thank you for your cooperation and support. I look forward to working with you for the next year.

Ms Lowe and Miss Aiyegoro

## Spelling and Reading

This year, we will have our test spelling on a Friday, and new spellings will be sent home on the Monday prior to the test. In reading, we be focusing on fluency and comprehension.

Our class text this term will be: The solar system, The Bear and the Piano, Oi! Get off our train, River Story and Leon and The Place Between.



## Writing

In English we will be writing a fiction piece based on the short film 'The Lighthouse'. We will also be writing a non-chronological report about the solar system (to inform), as well as writing an essay based on our history topic.



## Maths

In maths we will be covering number and place value, addition and subtraction.



## Science

In this unit, building on their knowledge of how our bodies work and how we care for them, pupils will study the muscular, skeletal and nervous systems, nutrition and the digestive system.



## **Computing**

In computing we will be working on computing systems and networks. We will explore: how a digital device works and helps us, how computers are connected and what the school network looks like.



## **Art & Design/Design & Technology**

This term we will be studying line in art. We will consider line weight, how artists use line in different ways and printing to create line. We will also study 'The Great Wave' by the artist Hokusai.



In DT, we will be researching, designing, sewing and evaluating a key ring.

## **Geography/History**

In geography the children will explore maps, the eight compass points and symbols on a map and grid references. We will also look at a contrasting locality for physical and human geography.



In history children will learn about the Stone, Bronze and Iron ages. There will be a visit to Flag Fen this term to enhance their understanding of this topic.

## **Music**

This term we will be studying 'Off Beat'. This unit introduces the children to the concept of 'off-beat' music through listening to Hound Dog performed by Elvis (rock and roll music), I got you (I feel good) by James Brown (funk music) and Le Freak by the group Chic (funk/disco music).



## **PE**

In PE we will be playing tag rugby and doing outdoor adventure activities. Our PE days will be on Tuesdays (indoors) and Thursdays (outdoors).



## **PSHE**

In PSHE we will be covering the topic 'Being me in my world'. This topic includes lessons on self-identity, group identity, responsibilities, consequences and teamwork.



## **RE**

This term we will be investigating the question: What is the best way for Jews to live a good life?



## **Reminders**

Children are expected to read at home at least three times per week. Reading records should be brought into school every day. Dojo points will be awarded for reading at home every Friday.

Weekly homework may be given out on a Friday to be handed in the following Tuesday. Dojo points will be given for weekly homework.

### Homework Project



To complement our history topic for next term children could make a Stone Age or Iron Age house. Alternatively, they could make a model Stonehenge. A separate homework project letter will be sent



in July 2025.

Dojo points will be awarded for Homework Projects – all children are expected to complete one of the projects and bring them into school on Wednesday 3rd September 2025. We would love to display them on our shelves in the classroom!



### Skills Builder

The Skills Builder Universal Framework provides a common language for building essential skills with children and young people.

Research shows that building essential skills supports social and emotional wellbeing, learning and academic outcomes and careers and opportunities



### Times Tables Rockstars



### Spelling Shed



### Rewards

The children will receive 'Dojo Points' as reward for good behaviour, work and attitude. Points can be 'spent' on prizes periodically.



### Class information

Class Teacher: Ms Lowe

Teaching Assistants: Miss Aiyegoro

Please remember to name your child’s school jumper or cardigan.

We request that all children bring a named water bottle to school every day and when the weather is warmer a sun hat and sun cream.

Please remember if you are making your child a packed lunch, we ask you not to put anything in that contains nuts.

### Dates for the diary!

#### Autumn 1



- Monday 1st September- Training Day 1
- Tuesday 2nd September – Training Day 2
- Wednesday 3rd September – School reopens for pupils
- Monday 15th September – Year 3 parent welcome meeting: 2.30pm – 3pm
- Wednesday 17th to Friday 19th September – Y6 residential trip to PGL Caythorpe
- Tuesday 7th October – Individual and sibling photos
- Thursday 9<sup>th</sup> October – Year 3 Flag Fen visit
- Wednesday 15th October – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 6.30pm
- Thursday 16th October – Parents Consultation Evening 3pm – 5.30pm
- Friday 25th October – School closes to pupils for Half Term