

Year 3 Spring 2026

Welcome back to Year 3! We hope you and the children all had a lovely Christmas break and are excited for the term ahead. Here is our curriculum brochure containing the topics covered during Spring term and any other key information you may need.

GENERAL:

- Swimming: 3C and 3CL will continue swimming every Friday until February half term. 3M will begin swimming on the first Friday after February half term and will continue until the end of the summer term
- As our lunchtime is 12:30pm, it is recommended that the children bring a snack for playtime. Snacks should be a fruit or vegetable
- The children should bring a small water bottle into school which can be kept in the class tray for them to access throughout the day.

HOMEWORK:

- **Reading books:** Reading books will be changed on a **Monday**. Reading books should be read at home aloud to an adult and brought into school daily, with completed reading records.
- **Maths homework:** Arithmetic homework will be given out on a **Wednesday** and should be completed for the following week. In addition to this, the children will now begin weekly **multiplication tests on a Friday**. A different times table will be given to the children on a Friday for them to learn for a test the following week. Completing 5-10 minutes on Times Tables Rockstars daily will greatly assist your child in learning their multiplication facts. Challenges will also be set on Times Tables Rockstars for the children to participate in. By the end of Year 3 it is a national expectation that children are able to recall multiplication and associated division facts for their 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 timestables.
- **Spellings:** A weekly spelling list will be given out on a **Wednesday** and the children should learn these for a test the following week. Spellings are also available on EdShed.

HOW YOU CAN HELP:

- Read a variety of books with your child in order to help them develop Reading for Pleasure. Their success in and enjoyment of reading transpires to every aspect of their academic life.
- Practise your child's weekly spellings with them and together practise writing sentences containing the words.
- Play games to practise recalling multiplication and associated division facts for the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables.
- Visit the Lunt Meadow Mesolithic Site with your child. Information regarding this can be found online.
- Look at a globe or world map together. Identify the polar regions together. Explore different countries and discuss the type of climate they may have and why this may be.

DATES FOR YOUR DIARY:

World Book Day – Thursday 5th March

Parent's Evening – 11th/12th February

3C's Rejoice Celebration – 11th February

Religious Education: We follow 'To Know you More Clearly' and will study the following topics this term;

- Galilee to Jerusalem: In this topic we will be comparing miracles and parables in Matthew's Gospel and understanding how we can follow in Jesus' footsteps to enter the kingdom of God.
- Desert to Garden: In this topic we will be tracking Jesus' journey through Lent into Holy Week.

English: We follow 'Literacy Counts' for our English lessons. This term we will be exploring the text 'Into the forest' by Anthony Browne and using this to write a narrative and a newspaper report. The second text we will explore this term is called 'The Rhythm of the Rain' by Grahame Baker-Smith and we will be writing a setting narrative and an information leaflet based on this.

Mathematics: We follow 'White Rose' and will be studying the following topics;

- Multiplication and division: including using and applying multiplication and division facts for the 2,3,4,5,8 and 10 times tables and multiplying and dividing a two-digit number by a one digit number
- Length and perimeter: including measuring in meters, centimetres and millimetres, as well as measuring and calculating the perimeter of a shape.
- Fractions: including comparing and ordering unit and non-unit fractions, as well as finding equivalent fractions.
- Mass and capacity: including measuring mass in grams and kilograms and measuring capacity in millimetres and litres

Science: Our topics this term Forces and Magnets and Rocks and Soils.

Geography: We follow 'Kapow' and this term our topic is entitled 'Who lives in Antarctica?' In this topic we will explore the climates of the world, with a focus on the polar regions.

History: This term our topic is 'The Stone Age.' In this topic we will explore the three main periods of the Stone Age, these being the Paleolithic, Mesolithic, and Neolithic eras.

RSHE: We will be looking at families and how all of our families are different. We will be exploring how we can be welcoming to others.

MFL: Spanish

Music: We follow Kapow and will be developing singing technique through the theme The Vikings

Art: The children will be working with charcoal and studying the artist Edgar Degas, using chiaroscuro to add light and dark to their end pieces.

D.T: The children will be designing and making their own product using sewing techniques.

Computing: Continuing to explore internet safety and how computer systems work.

PE: Our PE days are **Tuesday and Friday**. On both of these days the children will be required to come to school in their full PE kit. Please note that **3C and 3CL will continue swimming until February half term. 3M will begin swimming on the first Friday after February half term** and will continue until the end of the summer term. Just a reminder Sefton Aquatics require that all children wear a swimming costume or trunks, a swimming hat, goggles and no jewellery including earrings.