



Dear Parents/Carers,

We can't believe we have almost completed our second term in Year 3. The children have settled in well and we can't believe the amount of progress they have made already. Let's make this next half term an amazing term for learning. This letter will tell you the information that your child will be learning about in class. Further information about their learning can be found on our school website.

Getting Ready to Come to School

Children will need to come to school every day:

- Wearing their school uniform
- With their bookbag and water bottle
- Ready to learn!

Our Learning:

English 	In English, we will build on our prior learning of writing to inform to create fact files. Then we will look at a selection of fables to inform our narrative writing, this will then be reworked into a poetic form.
Maths 	In maths, our first unit this term is fractions, and we will develop our knowledge of halves, quarters and thirds to look at fractions with other denominators. We will then move to mass and capacity. Children will continue to explore mass in kilograms and grams before moving on to capacity.
Science 	Our science focus is Biology, where we will learn about plants, specifically features of flowering plants and what they need to survive. We will learn what a plant needs to survive, its life cycle and how a plant can disperse its seeds.
Geography 	In geography, our topic is 'Volcanoes'. We will learn about the structure of the earth and how mountains and volcanoes are formed.
Design Technology 	In Design Technology, our focus is 'Keeping It Contained'. Children will need to think like designers to be able to create a solution to the problem of losing small items. They will solve this by learning to sew and create a container.
Religion and Worldviews 	In R.E. we will be learning about Islam. We will learn what Mecca was like and how Muhammad influenced it. Children will also learn how Islam spread.
PE 	In P.E, the children will be developing problem solving skills through a range of physical challenges. Pupils work as a pair and small groups to plan, solve, reflect and improve on strategies.
Music 	In Music, we will be combining pulse, rhythm and pitch. We will learn the Dragon song and think about the question, "How does music help us to get to know each other?"
Computing 	In computing. Children will be learning about animation! Children will be learning to create a stop frame animation, where they can alter different elements.



PSHE



In PSHE we will be looking at Healthy Lifestyles. Children will learn what a healthy diet is, how to keep safe in the sun and why personal hygiene is important.

PE

Below is the day your child will take part in PE.

On this day your child must wear their PE kits to school.

Jay Class - Thursday

Robin Class - Thursday

Wren Class - Thursday

Homework

Each week your child will be expected to complete a range of different homework tasks to help support their learning in school. All homework will be found on our school website under the Year 3 page.

Reading	Please support your child at home in ensuring that they are reading each day independently and to you. They must also have opportunities to listen to an adult read to them.
Learning with Parents	This is a platform we use to record reading at home and in school. Please log all reading done at home on this website.
myON	Each week children are expected to log on to myON and read at home. The child who completes the most amount of reading each week will be awarded with a certificate.
Times Table Rockstars	Children are encouraged to practise their times tables weekly on Times Table Rockstars. We have weekly battles between each Year 3 class, can you help your class win?
EdShed	Children can practice their weekly spellings online at EdShed, as well as take the spelling homework sheet home to complete each week. These spellings will be practised in class weekly as well.

In class we would love to celebrate the amazing homework children do at home. This means that any time your child completes a piece of homework, send a photo to your class teacher on Class Dojo so it can be celebrated and rewarded. Children will receive Class Dojo points for completing their homework.

Attached to this letter you will find your child's Knowledge Organisers. You can use the information on their Knowledge Organisers to test your child's recall of facts and their understanding of the new vocabulary listed.

If you require any additional information, please contact your child's class teacher on Class Dojo, who will be happy to assist you.

Thank you for your continued support,

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 team