



Year 3 Class Newsletter

Autumn Term 1



Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year Three! We hope you all enjoyed the summer holidays and feel ready for learning through our exciting new topics. As you may be aware, Ms Garland and Mr Rockliffe will be sharing the teaching responsibilities this year, with Ms Garland working Monday to Wednesday and Mr Rockliffe working Thursday and Friday.

Dates for your Diary

- Y3 Trip to Peterborough Museum - Tuesday 20th October 2026
- Parents' evenings - 19.10.26- 21.10.26

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English	We will write a poem piece on the theme of emotions, a non-chronological report linked to our history unit on the Romans and a first person narrative description. We will pay particular focus on our basic punctuation such as capital letters, full stops and finger spaces, as well as some more complex literary devices such as pronouns, expanded noun phrases and conjunctions. Our shorter guided reading texts will be "Great and the Giants" by Zoë Tucker and "The Pebble in my Pocket" by Meredith Hooper.
Maths	Number sense, exploring calculations strategies, place value, graphs and the beginning of addition and subtraction, will form the basis of our learning in math's for this term. We will also spend some time working on our Times table fluency and arithmetic throughout the year, ensuring they are well-prepared for the multiplication check next year in Y4 and that they have the basic tools to carry them through the rest of school.
Science - Rocks	We will be learning about Rocks - comparing and grouping together different kinds of rocks on the basis of their appearance and simple physical properties. Children will also look at describing in simple terms how fossils are formed when things that have lived are trapped within rock, in addition to recognising that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.
History- The Roman Empire	This half term we will build on our understanding of British history by studying the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain. Children will also look back at the Iron Age to compare the difference that the Romanisation of Britain made.

Art - Drawing & Digital Media	Art will be looking at drawing and digital media. The class will select and record from first hand observation, experience and imagination, and explore ideas for different purposes. They will also question and make thoughtful observations about different artists work, selecting ideas to use in their own work.
Music	We will learn the language of music and playing skills through the violin. We are fortunate enough to be visited by a specialist music teacher this term, who will be taking the class through a series of lessons, whereby they will all learn the beginnings of how to play this instrument.
French	The focus for this half term will be on greetings, the location of France, the French flag and their language.
PE	We will have PE sessions on Wednesday and Friday, focusing on Tag rugby and Hockey. Both sports are invasion games which will work on their balance, coordination and agility, in addition to children's teamwork and communication skills. By the end of the term they will have learnt how to hold a rugby ball and hockey stick correctly, as well as having a basic understanding of the rules for each game.
PSHE	Beginning & belonging.

Home Learning:

Please login to Times Table Rock Stars and complete **daily** reading. Please note TT Rockstars logins are located in the Reading Records.

Equipment needed in Year 3:

- PE days - Wednesday and Friday
- Reading records
- **Labelled**
- water bottles (*polite reminder **water** only, as when squash spills it creates a sticky mess*)
- Please clearly label **all** clothing so items can be returned promptly if misplaced.

Keeping connected

Please feel free to catch us at the door, or email the office if you have questions. We look forward to meeting you at the upcoming parent evenings.

Many thanks,

Ms Garland and Mr Rockliffe