



ADVENT 2026

Year 3 Class Newsletter

Welcome to Year 3! We are really pleased with how quickly the children are settling in and we look forward to a great year ahead with you all.

Our team

Your year 3 team is: Miss Sweeney, Mrs Walsh, Mrs Bramley, Miss Grewal, Mr Fox and Mr Connolly.

Mathematics

This term we will be focusing on the following maths units:

Place value:

- Identify, represent and estimate numbers.
- Place value of three-digit numbers.
- Read, write and compare and order numbers to 1000.
- Count from 0 in multiples of 4, 8, 50 and 100.



Addition and subtraction

- Add and subtract three-digit numbers and ones, tens and hundreds.
- Add and subtract using column addition and subtraction.
- Estimate the answer to a calculation and use the inverse to check.

Multiplication and division – Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 tables.

Throughout the year, we will regularly practise key facts which will support children with their arithmetic skills. Please log on to Times Tables Rock Stars (login is stuck in the back of your child's organisers) to practise 2, 5, and 10 times tables.



English

Initially, we are going 'Back to Basics' and focusing on spelling, punctuation and grammar to ensure a higher quality of writing across all our writing. This will include handwriting where we will learn a joined-up, cursive style which all children will be expected to use by the end of the year.

Please log on to Letter join to practise the joined-up, cursive style at home (login is stuck in the back of your child's organisers).

Following that, we will move onto writing non-chronological reports, instructions and poetry.

Diary dates

- Tuesday 15 September 3.30-4.15pm, Meet the teacher in the classrooms.
- Friday 18 September: After School Foam Party: Tickets on Arbor /school shop.
- Monday 5 October 2026 – Year 3 trip to Creswell Crags.



Our Curriculum

Science – Advent 1: Rocks and Soils – compare different types of rocks based on their appearance and properties. Advent 2: Magnets and Forces – learning about forces that help objects move on different surfaces.

History – Stone Age to Iron Age, focussing on periods of time, evidence, artefacts, archaeology and changes and technological advances in homes and diets of people during the Stone Age.

Art – we will be studying and recreating Prehistoric Cave Art, Ndebele Murals and Bronze Age Sculpture (Beaker culture). We will use sketching pencils to show light, tone and shading techniques.

Computing – Coding (scratch) and online safety.

French – basic greetings, how to introduce yourself, ask and answer questions about how you are feeling, how to say yes and no, numbers to 10.

Music – Improvisation, reading notation, introducing the stave, lines, and spaces.

PSHE: we will learn how feelings can change over time and can range in intensity, name different types of relationships, discuss positive family life and know there are different types of family structures.

Reminders



It is essential that all belongings are clearly labelled with children's names as it wastes a lot of valuable learning time identifying lost items.



Play time snack: Children no longer receive a milk/fruit snack as they are now in KS2. Please send your child to school with a piece of fruit if you wish them to have something to eat at morning play. Please note fruit yoghurts/bars/winders are not allowed. Don't forget their water bottle too!

Homework

Children will be given their homework tasks on a Thursday with their homework books. They will be expected to return these the following Wednesday. Homework will include:

- Spelling quiz
- Maths task
- Other subject task.



Please complete all homework with a pencil. Also, in Year 3 it is important that children:

- Read aloud daily
- Practise their times tables weekly.

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Creation and Covenant – That the Creation stories in Genesis use symbolism to explain the relationship between God, human beings, and the world.

Prophecy and Promise – Sunday is the day of the Resurrection of Jesus. Therefore, Christians gather on Sunday. Catholics gather to celebrate Mass where they listen to the words of holy scripture.



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