



CLASS 3 NEWSLETTER AUTUMN TERM 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to a new school year, I hope you are as excited as I am to be back together. We are quickly settling into routines old and new ready for lots of hard work. Below is a breakdown of everything that we will be covering and what you need to know for the coming term.

In maths we are recapping place value. We will be exploring Roman Numerals, writing numbers from decimals up to a billion, understanding the value of each digit, and rounding numbers to help with estimation. Next, the children will learn about factors, multiples, and prime numbers identifying patterns in number. Before half term, we will ensure that children are confident with the formal written methods of addition and subtraction as well as mental strategies. After half term, we will explore multiplication. Children will learn a formal written method for long multiplication including multiplying by decimals. Finally, before Christmas, we will begin exploring fractions including finding a fraction of an amount, converting between fractions, decimals and percentages, and adding, subtracting, multiplying and dividing fractions. Children will have a daily Mastering Number session.

In English, we will have a daily 30-minute Comprehension Bug session where the children will read a range of age-appropriate texts, answering a range of comprehension questions. We will be using Spelling Shed alongside spelling games to practise the year 5/6 spelling list. We will have a written test each Friday. In writing, we will plan, draft and edit different text types, focusing closely on the purpose and audience of our writing. We will be basing most of our writing on our topic, changes in Britain from the stone age to the iron age. We will be reading a range of class texts including *The Wild Way Home* and *The Way to Impossible Island* by Sophie Kirtley. We will also use Literacy Shed video clips and a range of texts to inspire our writing. The children will write for a range of different purposes – to entertain, to inform, to persuade and to discuss.

In science, we are looking at animals including humans. Our focus for this half term is the human body. We will begin by learning about the circulatory system, describing the functions of the heart, blood vessels and blood. We will also be looking closely at what makes a human body healthy including eating a balanced diet, water, nutrients, and exercise. Towards the end of the topic, we will discuss how tobacco, alcohol and drugs affect the human body. Next half term we will be exploring Earth and Space learning all about the Earth, Sun and Moon and the movement of the Earth and other planets. The

children will be using all five types of investigation – pattern seeking, classification and grouping, observing over time, fair testing, and scientific research.

In History we are learning about changes in Britain from the stone age to the iron age. We will learn all about how man survived the stone age, the importance of hunting and the tools and weapons they invented. Then we will learn about Skara Brae, Stonehenge, hillforts, and the druids.

Geography will be taught discretely. This term we will be focusing on Locational knowledge including naming and locating counties and cities of the United Kingdom as well as identifying human and physical characteristics and key topographical features (hills, mountains, coasts and rivers). We will complete a detailed study into rivers.

All art and DT work will be based around our history topic, where the children will investigate and recreate some cave drawings and create their own stone age tools and weapons. In computing, we will be learning about E-Safety ensuring that all the children understand how to remain safe online. Later in the term we will be focusing on digital literacy, exploring computer networks and search technologies. We will continue to use Purple Mash to teach the computing curriculum.

In RE, children will be learning about Christians and non-religious people, answering the question 'Why do some people believe in God?' After half term, children will learn all about Islam and what it means to be a Muslim in Britain today. In French, the children will be learning numbers, dates, classroom objects and about the weather.

Children will soon have a session with Dave from Skip2bfit, where they will learn how to lead morning exercises including Wake Up Shake Up. Class three children will also be given training to run sports activities on a lunch time as play leaders. Mr Swankie will be leading a lunch time sporting club each Tuesday and all children are welcome to join in. He will also be teaching Class 3 on a Tuesday afternoon, firstly focusing on invasion games and following the sports competition calendar.

We are continuing with our reading reward scheme in Class 3, where the children are rewarded each time they read and write a reflective comment in their reading journal. When the children have read 80 times in total, they will receive a bookmark and 100 times in total they will receive a new book.

Please remember to write any notes for me in the children's blue planners rather than reading journals. These planners are designed to promote independence and organisation.



Monday		
Tuesday		Outdoor PE kit required (Mr Swankie)
Wednesday		Musical instrument (Mrs Rhodes)
Thursday		
Friday	Homework to be handed in Written spelling test	Indoor / Outdoor PE kit required New homework will be set

Thank you for your ongoing support. We are looking forward to our new year together!

Miss Rowling, Mrs Taylor and Miss Laws.

