

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

2nd September 2026 – 22nd October 2026

Science

The children will learn about light and shadow!

They will learn about opaque, transparent and translucent materials and see the effect this has on making shadows.



PSHE

Our PSHE theme of friendships and families runs through the whole of Autumn Term. We will discuss our feelings and how we can manage big emotions. We will think about how we can be a good friend, and what to do if we fall out. We will also look at how to be resilient, and work on a growth mindset.

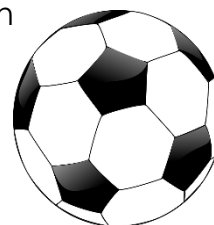
Geography

We will be looking at countries that make up the United Kingdom, building on our work from Key Stage 1. The children will discover more about the UK and what people associate with our country.

Physical Education

The **indoor PE focus** is **dance**. The children will create a dance linked to the work we are doing on punctuation and grammar!

The **outdoor PE focus** is on **ball skills** where children will improve their skills relating to receiving a ball on the move, passing, throwing and catching. They will implement these in a wide range of games.



Art

Our focus will be on using light and shadow in Art. We will look at Rembrandt's work, as well as pieces by modern artists. The children will learn to use different types of sketching pencils to create light and shade, and learn to make tints and shades using paint. Their finished piece will be a triptych using sketching, painting and photography.

Religious Education

The focus of the unit is on **being thankful**. The children will also learn about the Jewish festival of Sukkot.

French

We begin by learning about France and other Francophone countries. We learn a rhyme in French which helps us to practise **greetings** and **responses**. We will learn to ask someone their **name** and their **age**, and respond. Lastly, we will learn to talk about members in our family.



Music

We will focus on **pulse** and rhythm. Children will write simple rhythms using musical notation. They will learn the names of traditional Samba instruments and play some of the rhythmic patterns of this style of music.

Computing

The children will learn to log on to the computers, and how to different folders can be accessed and organized, and how computers can be connected in a network.

They will use Microsoft Word to create different effects with font style, size and colour as well as including pictures in order to produce eye-catching documents.

English

Our English work this half term will be linked to 'Journey', 'Quest' and 'Return' by Aaron Becker.

Our first focus will be on nouns, adjectives and verbs, and how to write in complete sentences with correct punctuation.

We will then learn about prepositions and prepositional phrases to expand our sentences further.

As we follow the stories, we will look at the features of instructional writing, to explain how the children could earn a crown from going on a quest.

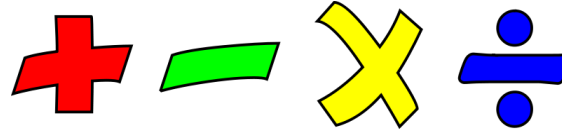
In spelling and phonics, the children will practise the phonics sounds that they have learnt already, and use them to spell words correctly. We will also revise the high frequency words and the common exception words for Year 1 and 2 to ensure that children can spell them correctly in their writing.



In Guided Reading, we will look at stories written by Dick King Smith.

Mathematics

In Mathematics this term the children will be revising some key skills:



- Writing numbers bigger than 100 in numerals and words
- Recognise what each digit represents and how to show that using place value equipment
- Find 1 more or less than a number
- Find 10 more or less than a number
- Know the 10 times table up to 12×10
- Know the 2 times table up to 12×2
- Add and subtract a 1-digit number from a 3-digit number
- Add and subtract a multiple of 10 from a 3-digit number
- Use a range of methods to show addition and subtraction, for example, bar models and number lines.



Homework

Children should read at least three times a week to an adult.



They will receive their new reading book and reading diary on **Friday 11th September**. Each week, they will need to hand their reading diary in to be checked on a **Thursday**.

Diary Dates!

On **Tuesday 29th September** there will be a Parents' Meeting at 9am, where we will share more about the curriculum and how you can support the children's learning at home.

We would love to see you at our Family Board Game session:

**Wednesday 16th
September at 9 am**