

Year 3

Curriculum Newsletter

Note from the team

We had a second half of spring term. We enjoyed world book day and got stuck into our story 'Operation Gadgetman'. We were all hooked and wanted to keep reading!

As always, please continue to communicate with us via email.
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Key Dates and Reminders

- **Both classes:** Thursday PE. Children will need to wear their PE kit to school on a Thursday.
- **Both classes:** Music with our music specialist on a Thursday, every other week.
- **Library visits:** Friday 24th April and Friday 15th May.
- **Forest School:** every other week. Please see separate letter for dates.
- **Hindu Temple Trip:** Friday 1st May 2026.
- **Creekside Dscovery Centre Trip:** Friday 8th May 2026.
- **IMPORTANT:** Please provide a snack for break time for your child. This can be fresh fruit or raisins.

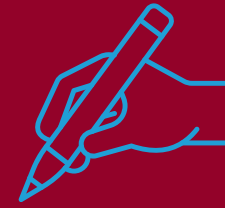


Our learning this half term...



Reading

This term we will be reading 'Wildsmith' by Liza Flanagan.



Writing

In writing, year 3 will develop first- and third-person narratives using descriptive language, accurate verb forms and well-structured storytelling. We will be inspired by our core text to create our narratives.



Maths

This term we are learning to use different measurements in mass and capacity. then we tackle the challenge of fractions! We will be adding, subtracting, subtracting and ordering fractions.



Science

This half term, we are continuing learning about light. Year 3 will explore light sources, carry out investigations about reflections and learn about sun safety.

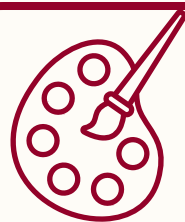


Geography

Children study how rivers form, the journey they take and why they are important for people and the environment. Through fieldwork and creative tasks, they investigate flooding, map the River Thames and explore how rivers shape local landscapes.

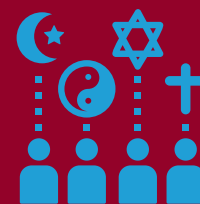


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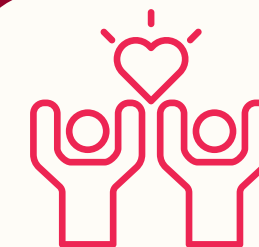
Art

We will learn about Camille Pissarro and explore Impressionist techniques such as colour mixing, brushstrokes and cityscape composition. They plan and create their own artwork, refining details and evaluating their finished piece using art vocabulary.



RE

Children compare prayers from Christianity, Islam and Hinduism to understand similarities, differences and the purpose of prayer. They later learn how Christians show their beliefs in everyday life and explore personal reflection.



RSHE

We will learn how to stay safe online, recognise fake emails, make sensible choices, and stay safe when out and about. They also explore economic wellbeing, including how we pay for things and how to plan a simple budget.



PE

We will develop a range of athletic skills including sprinting, jumping, and throwing with control and coordination. They build confidence and fitness through structured practice and teamwork.



COMPUTING

Year 3 will learn to build and debug simple programs using Scratch, gradually using more complex blocks like loops and events. They create interactive projects—from dancing characters to music videos.



Music

Year 3 will learn to play tuned musical parts using glockenspiels and recorders, creating simple melodies and practising improvisation. Toward the end of term, they revisit key skills and explore musical vocabulary through reflection and performance.

Learning at Home



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Timetable Tables Rock Stars to practise for at least 10 minutes each day.



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Sumdog tasks will be set, each week, and a spelling sheet will be sent home weekly to be completed.



Children are free to choose a class library book to read at home and must choose a colour-banded book (specific to each child). Reading record books will be used to record this and children must make a weekly comment. Reading records will be checked on a **Friday**.

“What did you learn today, and can you teach it to me?”



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For more details on what your child is learning this half term check out our year group [Medium Term Plan](#)

“What did you find tricky, and how did you try to solve it?”

