



Year 3 Newsletter



Autumn Term 1 2026/27

We hope that you all had a wonderful, well-earned Summer break! This newsletter will provide you with information on the half term ahead. If you have any further queries, please do not hesitate to contact us.

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History - Our topic this half term is The Stone Age to the Iron Age

We will learn about how life in Britain changed from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, looking at early homes, farming, tools, and daily life.

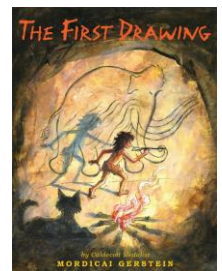
You will also be receiving this term's **topic homework and knowledge organiser** via email.

If you would like a paper version, your child can ask their class teacher.

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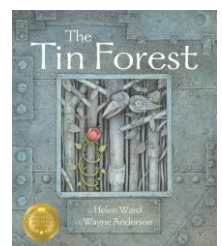


English - Our first unit of writing will be based on *The First Drawing* by Mordicai Gerstein. Children will explore the story of how the very first cave paintings might have been created. Through reading, discussion, and creative writing, they will imagine life thousands of years ago.



After this, we will look at *The Tin Forest* by Helen Ward. Children will engage with the story of hope and transformation as an old man brings life to a grey, forgotten place. They will use the book to make links to themes of nature and caring for the environment.

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Reading – One of the most effective ways you can support your child with their academic progress and development is through reading together regularly. Your child will receive a book from school which they should look after, and bring into school each day.

Children should be reading at home each day, preferably with an adult, for 20 minutes. Please sign your child's reading record each day to show they are reading regularly and so they can earn rewards in school. Please note, there is a £5 charge for lost books.

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Maths - We will begin this half term by focusing on place value. In Year 2, children worked with numbers up to 100, and in Year 3 this extends to numbers up to 1,000. They will learn to recognise the value of each digit in a three-digit number, partition numbers in different ways, and compare and order numbers using greater than and less than symbols. Children will also practice counting in 50s and 100s, as well as rounding numbers to the nearest 10 and 100. This knowledge of place value will support their understanding in later units on addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

You can support your child at home by asking place value questions such as: "What is the value of the digit 7 in 372?" or "What is 10 more/less or 100 more/less than this number?" Practicing quick recall of number bonds to 10, 20, and 100 will also help build fluency.



Don't forget to log on to Times Tables Rockstars

<https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student>

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Science - We will be learning about Rocks this half term. Children will explore different types of rocks and their properties, investigate how soils are formed, and discover how fossils provide evidence of living things from the past.

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R.E – Year 3's Big Question for this half term is *How did Jesus and Buddha make people stop and think?* We will be learning about the traditions, stories, and meanings behind this and thinking about how celebrations bring people together.

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P.E – This term we are focusing on Netball and Cricket. The skills we will be focusing on are sending and receiving a ball.

All children **must bring** their PE kit into school on the specified days. PE kit should consist of plain navy, black or grey bottoms (leggings, shorts or tracksuit bottoms), a school t-shirt and trainers.

3ST	Monday	Wednesday
3PM	Monday	Tuesday

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PSHE - This half term, we will be learning about how to recognise and deal with different feelings, and how to cope with pressure in positive ways. We will explore what can affect our physical, mental and emotional health, including the role of the media, and learn simple self-care techniques such as rest, hobbies, and spending time with family and friends.

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Music - This half term, the classes will be learning the ocarina with Southwark Music Service.

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Computing - This half term, we are learning about Creating Media. We will learn how animations are made using a sequence of still images (frames).

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Spanish - We will be starting off with Spanish phonics this half term.

On behalf of the Year 3 team, we look forward to getting to know you and your children.