

Year 3: Autumn 1 Curriculum Overview

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Maths

Year 3 will kick off this half term by diving into the world of numbers up to 1,000, exploring the value of each digit and how numbers relate to one another. They will compare, order, and round numbers to support estimating. In addition and subtraction, children will practise mental strategies and written methods, solving problems and applying their skills in real-life contexts.

Writing

In Writing, Year 3 will focus on two exciting units. In the Finding Tale unit, children will write an adventure story inspired by 'Adventure at Sandy Cove', developing their skills in character, setting, and plot. In the Instructions unit, they will learn how to write clear, step-by-step guides, using How to Turn Water into Food as a model to practise sequencing, imperative verbs, and precise language.

Science

As Scientists, we will explore the science of animals, movement, and nutrition. Children will learn how skeletons and muscles help us move, discover how the body uses energy, and understand what makes a balanced diet. We will investigate how animals, including humans, rely on nutrition and exercise to stay healthy and active.

History

This half term in History, we will explore the Romans and their impact on Britain. We will investigate why the Romans invaded and settled in Britain, what life was like in ancient Rome, and why the Roman army was so successful. We'll be examining artefacts to understand daily life and explore the lasting legacy of the Roman Empire on Britain today.

Computing

This half term in Computing, Year 3 will be introduced to networks, learning how devices communicate and share information. Children will identify the key components of a network and explore how information is transferred between them. They will then deepen their understanding by looking at examples of real-world networks and how these are used in everyday life.

PE

This half term in PE, Year 3 will be working with Mr Furniss on Health and, Fitness and Indoor Athletics with Miss Furniss. We will be developing our strength, stamina and coordination through a variety of activities. Our PE days are Monday and Thursday, and children should come to school in their PE kit on these days, with hair tied back and no jewellery for safety.

Reading

This half term in Year 3, we will be building our reading skills through non-fiction texts about the Romans and the picture book Buddy's Rainforest Rescue. We will practise retrieving information, exploring new vocabulary, making inferences, and comparing fiction with non-fiction, developing confidence in understanding and discussing a range of texts.

Art

In Art, we will focus on developing drawing skills. Children will learn to recognise how artists use shape, develop shading techniques, and use careful observation to add detail. They will explore line, shape, and tone in imaginative drawings and experiment with digital media to enhance their artwork.

PSHE

In PSHE, we will be learning about different types of pressure and how to respond to them appropriately. Children will explore how to manage their own behaviour, resist copying poor choices, and recognise challenging or conflicting feelings. They will also learn how to resist pressures that feel unsafe or uncomfortable.

Music

This half term in Music, we will be learning about ballads and how they tell a story through song. Children will understand that the lyrics are the words of a song and that in a ballad, each stanza is a verse. They will explore how these features work together to create meaning and mood in music.

RE

In RE, Year 3 will explore the question "What makes us human?" Children will explore what is special about being human, whether we all have a soul, and consider different ideas about what makes us human. We will also explore the concept of spirituality and learn about how some Buddhists focus on their inner self.

Spanish

This half term in Spanish, Year 3 will have fun learning how to say hello and introduce ourselves. We will play with the sounds of Spanish words, spotting key phonemes, and practise recognising and responding to different greetings, so we can confidently say more than just "adiós" at the end of a lesson.





Year 3: Autumn 1 Home Learning Menu

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TT Rockstars – to practise times tables and improve speed and accuracy. Spend 5 minutes a day on TT Rockstars to build fluency with multiplication facts.

Mathletics

Mathletics – to build on class learning and strengthen maths skills. Log on to Mathletics regularly to complete set tasks that link to current topics.



EdShed – to practise weekly spellings through fun games. Play on EdShed several times a week to rehearse spellings in fun, interactive ways.

<input type="checkbox"/> Practise greetings each morning in Spanish (Hola, Buenos días, ¿Cómo estás?).	<input type="checkbox"/> Write a step-by-step guide for making a sandwich or brushing teeth.	<input type="checkbox"/> Keep a food diary for a week and check if meals are balanced.	<input type="checkbox"/> Tap out rhythms using claps or household objects.	<input type="checkbox"/> Play an “obstacle course” game at home or in the garden.
<input type="checkbox"/> Share family traditions or values and discuss how they shape your life.	<input type="checkbox"/> Compare two books (fiction vs non-fiction) and talk about differences.	<input type="checkbox"/> Role-play as a Roman soldier and explain what life would be like.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write and illustrate a short poem about nature.	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw an object (like fruit or a toy) from different angles.
<input type="checkbox"/> Compare two special places (church, mosque, nature spot, or home).	<input type="checkbox"/> Research an animal and explain how it moves and what it eats.	<input type="checkbox"/> Play a place value game with dice or cards (make the biggest/smallest number).	<input type="checkbox"/> Learn a song together and add your own new verse.	<input type="checkbox"/> Make a “feelings chart” to talk about emotions each day.
<input type="checkbox"/> Experiment with shading using pencil or crayon.	<input type="checkbox"/> Research Roman inventions that are still used today.	<input type="checkbox"/> Do a short workout as a family (sit-ups, jogging, star jumps).	<input type="checkbox"/> Draw a coin that might have been used in Ancient Rome, including pictures and Latin words.	<input type="checkbox"/> Write 5 numbers between 100 and 999. For each number: Identify the hundreds, tens, and ones.