



Thursday 6th November 2025

Autumn 2: Year 3 Curriculum Letter

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back! We hope you all had a restful and half term break. Below are reminders of the Year 3 expectations alongside overviews of topics that we will cover during the Autumn 2 term.

Important dates for your diary:

Tuesday 11th November- Parents Evening 1

Thursday 20th November - Parents Evening 2

Monday 24th November- Trip to the woods to build shelters for our history topic

Wednesday 3rd December- Stone Age Day

Wednesday 10th December- Christmas lunch and Christmas Jumper Day

Monday 15th December- Carol Service at Emmanuel Church 2pm

Expectations

Pencil cases- In Years 3-6, children need to bring their own pencil case (which must be able to fit in their trays) with equipment to use every day at school. ***Essential equipment for daily work includes: HB writing pencils, a small sharpener, a rubber, a 30cm ruler, colouring pencils/pens and an uncoloured glue stick.*** Please note that parents and carers are responsible for replenishing pencil cases as KS2 class teachers are not provided with extra equipment to do this - *glue sticks are particularly scarce and used in every lesson.* If you have any concerns about providing these resources, please email the office.

Homework – Each week, children are expected to practise their times tables and spellings. These will be based on the work we do in school. Times-tables will be tested on Mondays and spellings on Fridays. We will continue to send home the weekly optional maths sheet.

Reading and reading records- It is a school-wide expectation that children should read daily and that this is recorded in reading records (by the child or an adult). It is important that children bring in their records and take them home every day. *When reading, please mark down the date, book title and the pages read. Record books will be checked once a week by an adult.*

Curriculum

Maths – This term, we will be continuing to develop our understanding of addition and subtraction. We will practise adding and subtracting 2-digit and 3-digit numbers from 3-digit numbers using the column method. This will then move into developing our understanding of multiplication and division. In this unit, we will recap 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and further, focus on 4 and 8 times tables. Children will continue to have a weekly times tables test- this will take place on a Monday.

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Writing- This term, we will be reconsolidating our understanding of punctuation and grammar from KS1 alongside developing our oracy, editing and story-telling skills. Our writing will cover both fiction and non-fiction, focusing on speech and punctuation as well as writing information texts. Through learning example texts and writing our own versions of these, we will also begin to identify underlying structures common to different texts and genres.

Reading- We will develop the children's vocabulary, inference, prediction, explanation, retrieval, and summary skills through daily Reading sessions. Children should continue to take quizzes on accelerated reader once they have completed a book.

Spelling- The children will have regular spelling lessons to learn spelling rules, build on their phonics skills and practise applying these. Spelling Tests will take place on a Friday.

History- Our history topic will be 'Stone Age to Iron Age', we will discover the development of food and cooking from the Stone Age to the Iron Age, while learning about the events that led Stone Age people to move from hunting and gathering to farming. We will explore how shelters/homes were developed over this period, which will lead to the children designing their own shelters during a trip to the woods. The children will learn about the amazing development of technology and inventions from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and speculate why these changes came about.

Science – In the next Science topic children will discover the different types of rocks and how they are formed. They will compare and group rocks based on appearance and simple properties. They will learn how fossils are formed and explore the contribution of Mary Anning to the field of palaeontology. Children will understand how soil is formed and then investigate the permeability of different types of soil.

RE- We will be following the Croydon RE curriculum (SACREA). We will continue to look at how different religions describe God. We will also spend time learning about Christmas.

Computing- In Computing, we will be focusing on e-safety this term. The children will learn about a computer network (the internet) and how people communicate online as well as how to use technology safely and responsibly. We will also be learning how to devise and use spreadsheets.

PE – The children will have PE on Thursday (outdoor) and Friday (indoor). **Children need to attend school in appropriate PE kits on these days as we will not be changing in the classrooms.** Please note that PE will go ahead even in light rain.

DT -In DT, the children will be making levers and mechanisms; they will explore and use them, distinguish between fixed and loose pivots and use technical vocabulary.

Please feel free to contact us with questions or concerns; you can make appointments with your class teacher via email/telephone the office (details in the letterhead).

Thank you for your support,

Mrs Smith and Mrs Gaston

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