

Year 3 Class Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

It has been wonderful to welcome the children back for the new school year. We are looking forward to a happy and successful year ahead, filled with learning, laughter and plenty of opportunities to grow together. For the Autumn term, Mrs Karaca will be teaching on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays and Thursdays with Mrs Larman teaching on Fridays. We are also joined by Mrs Lane and Mrs Pass and Miss Wright.

Initiative and collaboration.

We encourage the children to become independent, confident learners and to take pride in their responsibilities. We have a class board which helps them keep tracks of their seats and weekly jobs. We celebrate positive choices and effort through house points, certificates, as well as badges. Each day, the children should bring in their coat, reading record, book, water bottle and a snack. Everything else they need will be provided by the school.

Reading

We want to inspire a lifelong love of reading and encourage the children to enjoy exploring new stories, characters and ideas. At the start of the term, the children will be assessed on our Accelerated Reader programme and will be given books matched to their reading level. We ask that children read at home at **least 5 times a week for 10 minutes**, including reading to an adult at least **three times a week**. Your support makes a huge difference to their confidence and progress.

Homework

Homework will be explained and given to the children on a **Friday** and should be completed by the following **Friday**. Information about homework will be in homework books weekly for you and your child to refer to.

English

This term, our core text will be The Great Kapok Tree, inspiring the children to create vivid setting descriptions and persuasive adverts. We will also explore free verse poetry, developing the children's language creativity and confidence

Maths

Our Maths learning this term will focus on number and place value, building on previous learning by deepening their understanding of how numbers are represented. We will then move on to geometry and the properties of shapes. After half term, we will be focusing on mental maths strategies for addition and subtraction. We will also be practicing our 3,4,6 and 8 times tables every day.

Science

Light is our first topic and the children will learn about where light comes from and use their investigational skills to develop their knowledge about shadows.

Geography & History

In geography, we will explore why rainforests are important to us. We will investigate their features, wildlife and significance. After half term, our focus will move to history, where we will explore British History through the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.

Art & DT

In Art, we will create animated drawings inspired by rainforest animals, designing and drawing backgrounds for our movable animations. After half term, in DT we will develop our sewing skills by designing and making our own cushions.

PE

PE will be taught on Tuesdays and Thursdays and the children should come in to school in their PE uniform. After half term, the PE sessions may change. You will be informed, Arbor Mail, of the days before October half term.

We are very excited for all the learning, fun and new experiences the autumn term will bring. Thank you for your support and we look forward to working together to help the children have a happy, successful and memorable year in Year 3.

Mrs Karaca & Mrs Larman