

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 1



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Our wonderful team of adults are here to help you with your learning this year. If there is anything you need to ask, please send us an email or catch us at the end of the school day.

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3MC—Jaguars



3RS—Leopards

Welcome to Year 3!

We are very excited to welcome you all back to school as we have lots of exciting things planned! In this newsletter, you will find out more about all the things we will be learning about this term.

Our other adults in Year 3 are:

(3MC) Mrs Paddon
(3RS) Ms Fegan

Diary Dates

PE and library - Every Tuesday
Book change—Every Friday
Marwell Zoo- Wednesday 18th
November 2026

Spellings

Can you remember your tricky words from Year 2? Here are some you might want to try at home:

after	child	every
again	children	everybody
any	Christmas	eye
bath	class	fast

Newsletter challenge:

Together with your child, answer the questions on this newsletter and tick the boxes when you have!

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In PSHE, we will be thinking about 'My healthy self' and ways we can take care of our mind and body. We will spend time talking about our Class Charter so we can make sure our class is a great place to be and learn in.

Can you remember our class rules from the charter we created and tell your adult?

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In RE, we will be learning about the celebration Diwali and why it is special to Hindus.

Can you tell your adult what you have learnt about Diwali so far?

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English

As writers this half-term, we will be reading traditional fables and founding tales, like 'The boy who cried wolf' and 'The lion and the mouse'. Then, we will be reading as a class 'The Greenling' and using this book to practise our amazing writing skills, including basic sentence punctuation and simple story openers.

Can you tell your adult what a traditional fable story is?

Spanish

We will be learning simple 'getting to know you' greetings, numbers up to 10 and colours.

History

We will be investigating the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age in chronological order and comparing them.

Maths

We will be revisiting place value from Year 2 and then extending our knowledge with numbers up to three digits. We will also revisit our knowledge of addition and subtraction and practise using number lines. We will then look at applying this through different problems. We will practise our times tables facts every day! We will begin to learn our 3x, 4x and 8x tables and continue to consolidate our knowledge 2x, 5x and 10x.

Ask your adult to quiz you on your 2x, 5x and 10x tables from year 2.

Science

As scientists, we will be investigating rocks and fossils. We will be learning about the 3 main different types of rock and how they are formed. We will also learn how rocks are formed.

Can you tell your adult what a fossil is?

DT

In DT we are going to be learning how to weave. We will be weaving our very own bookmarks! Have you ever weaved anything before?

Music

In music, we will be creating some body percussions and learning about rhythm and beat.

Computing

We will be learning about digital devices and how these devices use input, processes and outputs to function.

PE Kits

PE will be on **Tuesday** afternoon so please ensure your child has a PE kit. They will be able to wear the PE kit into school on a Tuesday.

They will need a plain white t-shirt , black shorts and trainers. When the weather gets cooler, the children can bring a plain black or grey tracksuit.