



# Autumn Term 2026

## Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

### English.

We are excited to have begun our first narrative unit from The Write Stuff, focusing on 'The true story of the real little pigs'. Through this unit we will learn to compose exciting sentences by using a variety of punctuation and language e.g, adjectives, synonyms, onomatopoeia and similes. Each lesson, the learning is broken into three different chunks so learning is discussed in pairs and as a class, modelled by the teacher and then children write one sentence at a time. This means the lesson is accessible and engaging. By the end of the unit the children will write their own version of the text. Over the rest of the term we will learn: a non-fiction text writing instructions about 'My strong mind', a persuasive post about a Christmas dessert and a poetry unit linked to fireworks. In our grammar lessons we will learn and revise using capital letters, full stops, using commas for lists, using

### Maths

In maths we have begun to recap the place value of tens and ones in two digit numbers before we move onto three digit numbers. We are learning how many tens and ones in a number and understanding what that value of tens is e.g.  $56 = 5 \text{ tens and } 6 \text{ ones}$ .  $56 = 50 + 6$ . This will be similar with our three digit numbers. Our learning the rest of the term will be addition and subtraction and multiplication and division.

### Science

This term we will be looking at light. We will learn what different light sources there are; how we see things and we will explore shadows and carry out investigations into changing the size of our shadows. After half term we will be looking at forces and magnets.

**Art & Design** In art, our pathway is Gestural drawing with charcoal. The children will discover how to make drawings that capture a sense of drama or performance using charcoal, this will include exploring Stone Age cave paintings. We will be taking inspiration from the artists Heather Hansen, Laura McKendry and Edgar Degas.

**DT** Our unit is Structures. The children will be exploring product packaging and how structures are made from nets before applying this understanding to create their own original packaging designs.

**Computing** In this half term, the children will begin by learning how to touch type then they will learn all about how to send and reply to emails. We will also look at safety around emails.

**Geography** Our topic is Settlements. We will be examining settlements and land use by comparing urban and rural environments and investigating how places change over time to answer the question: Are all settlements the same?

**History** Our key question is: Would you prefer to have lived in the Stone Age, Bronze Age or Iron Age? We will be investigating and comparing life in prehistoric Britain during the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages based on archaeological evidence. The children will sequence events and place them within a wider historical timeline.

**French** The children are very excited to be starting French this year! We begin by learning a bit about France then we will learn the names of colours and numbers and some key greetings.

**Music** In music we will learn different songs and begin to learn to play the ukulele with music teacher Mr Morley. During these lessons we will learn about pitch and rhythm.

**RE** The RE theme for this term is around the concept of reconciliation in the Christian faith. Next half term we will be learning about a Muslim's belief in Allah. This term RE will be taught by Mrs Asker who covers the class teacher's planning and preparation time.

**PSHE** This half term we are learning about how to take care of our minds and body to stay healthy with lessons focusing on recognising our own and others' feelings and the importance of getting a good night's sleep for our minds and body.

### Year 3 Staff

**Lime Class Teachers:**

**Mrs Laura Murray (Mon-Weds)**

**Mrs Rebecca Shutler (Thurs/Friday)**

**Supported by:**

**Mrs Emily Barwise**

### Our School Values

**Respect  
Challenge  
Resilience  
Confidence**

### Diary Dates for Autumn Term 2026

1<sup>st</sup> October – Census Day  
6<sup>th</sup> October – Individual photographs  
16<sup>th</sup> October – Informal sharing Y1 – Y6  
19<sup>th</sup> October – KS2 trip to Adastral Park  
20<sup>th</sup> & 22<sup>nd</sup> October – Parents' Evening  
23<sup>rd</sup> October – PTA disco  
26<sup>th</sup> – 30<sup>th</sup> October – Half Term  
16<sup>th</sup> – 20<sup>th</sup> November – Anti-Bullying Week  
14<sup>th</sup> December – PTA Elf Room  
17<sup>th</sup> December – last day of term  
18<sup>th</sup> December – PD day (staff only)  
4<sup>th</sup> January – PD day (staff only)  
5<sup>th</sup> January – children return to school

### PE

The children will participate in two PE lessons a week- an outdoor and indoor session. This half term we will be focussing on fitness and fundamentals Children need to have a kit that is suitable for indoor and outdoor PE. Hair must be tied back and earrings removed before coming to school as we are unable to remove them.

Useful websites that you may like to try at home to support your child's learning in school.

<https://www.purplemash.com/sch> (logins are in children's reading logs)

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize>