6th Novemeber 2026

Dear Parents and Careers,

Re: Class Curriculum Newsletter Year 3 – Autumn 2

Welcome back to Term 2! I hope that you have all had an enjoyable break and that the children are excited and ready for the busy term ahead. I am so proud of the children's efforts and achievements last term and looking forward to seeing where this term takes us. This term are we diving into the fascinating world of Antarctica, I hope the children have a great time exploring it!

English
This half term, our first unit will focus on formal letters of complaint where the children will look at the key features of persuasive letter writing and develop their skills before planning and writing their own formal letter explaining why summer holidays should not be shortened.

Our second unit of writing focusses on a range of poems, where the children will be identifying poetic devices such as alliteration, rhyme and repetition. They will also lean about how intonation, tone, volume and actions can bring poetry to life through performance.

In reading sessions, the class is currently studying 'Leon and the space between' by Angela McAllister. This is an exciting book about a boy who believes in magic and is transported into a mysterious world during a magicians show. In this unit children will develop their reading and writing skills through exploring the themes, characters, rich vocabulary and imaginative settings within the text.

In the second half of the term, we will be exploring 'The Night Before Christmas' by Clement Clarke Moore. Children will be developing their skills in summarising, retrieval, comparison, inference, and personal response, while learning how poets use rhythm and language to create effects and using evidence from texts to explain their understanding.

Maths
This term, we will be developing our mathematical skills through learning addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. The children will build confidence in using a range of mental and written methods to solve problems, explain their reasoning an apply their knowledge in different contexts. A particular focus this half term will be on times tables, as the expectation by the end of Year 3 is for children to be able to confidently recall their 2, 3, 4, 5, 8, and 10 times tables as well as related division facts. Regular practice at home can make a huge difference in helping children develop their speed, accuracy and confidence.

Humanities – Geography
In Geography, the children will be exploring Antarctica, learning about its location, climate, wildlife and the work of explores and researchers, while also developing their map-reading, compass and fieldwork skills.

DT
The children will be exploring the different features of castles before designing and constructing their own model castles, using a range or geometric shapes and structures. They will develop their skills in cutting, assembling and evaluating their work while creating a castle that meets a specific design purpose.

PE
Our PE days have had a slight change this term and will now be Tuesday and Wednesday. Please send your child in to school on these days wearing PE kit which should consist of a plain t-shirt, black/navy shorts/jogging bottoms and a plain sweatshirt or hoody. We always try to go outside whenever possible so please make sure that children are wearing suitable trainers and include a warm layer now that we are entering the colder months. An outdoor session of Ball skills will take place on a Tuesday afternoon and Premier sports will continue on a Wednesday afternoon with a specialist sports coach.

IT
The children will be using purple mash to learn about emailing.

PSHE
Celebrating differences

Homework
Thank you for your continued support with spelling so far, it really does make a difference in the accuracy of the children's writing. At the end of last term children were sent home with a green homework book, where there spelling sheet had been stuck in – that will continue this term and will need to be returned each Friday for marking and monitoring. As always, you are welcome to practise spellings in a variety of ways, in the back of your child's reading record there is a login for 'Ed Shed' here you will find a variety of spelling games.

To my knowledge I have resolved all login issues however if your child's 'Ed Shed' login is still not working please let me know and I can sort this for you.

I would also like to remind you about 'Times Table Rockstars'. This is a chance for your child to practise their times tables each week. Inside your child's reading record, you should find a login for 'Times Table Rockstars', any support you can give at home with learning times tables really helps to embed this skill and build speed and fluency. If you still require any help or support with this, again please let me know and I can sort this. The expectation is a five-minute homework which is set and due every Friday.

Reading
I would also like to thank you for your support with reading. As mentioned at Parents' Evening the expectation in Year 3 is that children should be reading at least 5 times per week, all of which are recorded in your child's reading record. Our library slot is on Wednesday so it would be really helpful if their books and reading records could be in school on this day. They should have one 'banded book' that is at their current reading level and one 'reading for pleasure' book which, depending on their interest, can sometimes be one that you read together. Please feel free to record books that you have read together as I love to hear about these too.

Just to remind parents, we have also introduced a certificate scheme to promote reading. For every 25 reads in a child's reading record, they will be awarded a certificate in our Friday Celebration Assembly – but they have to be recorded in the reading record to count!

Attendance and Punctuality
One of my favourite parts of the school day is welcoming the children in to school each morning. These moments provide a wonderful opportunity to touch base with you, celebrate successes, and address any concerns that may arise. Maintaining good attendance and punctuality is essential to ensure that your child is making the most of their learning opportunities.

Further Details
Please do speak to an adult if your child is being collected by another trusted adult, other than the usual adults, especially if they are going home with a friend. We will not allow your child to go home with another adult, unless we have received confirmation from you.

There will be a 'Christmas Colour Shopping Day' on Friday 4th December. Year 3 has been allocated the colour Silver.

With thanks,

Miss Brown 😊
Year 3 teacher