



Curriculum Newsletter – Spring Term 1 2026

Year 3



Please read this curriculum newsletter carefully, it explains what we will be covering this half term in all subjects.

(ABC) English

Speaking and Listening

There are many opportunities in the Year 3 curriculum to develop speaking and listening skills. During this term, the children will be particularly focusing on developing their skills of reasoning and justifying their opinions and gaining, maintaining and monitoring the interest of listeners.

Reading

This half-term, the children will be continuing to read the novel "Charlotte's Web" E.B White. We will be continuing to develop the children's ability to "read between the lines", retrieve answers from the text, summarise what has happened, predict what is going to happen, and widen their vocabulary.

Writing

This half term, the children will be writing based on a visual literacy resource called 'The Dragon Slayer'. We will be focusing on writing a first-person recount of the battle and to retell the story. The children will embark their writing through a five-step writing process. They will immerse in the reading text to understand the features needed in their writing. This is followed by a rehearse stage which takes the form of a class write. The children will complete grammar lessons as in instruct before writing their first draft. To finish, we edit and improve before publishing. This process supports the children to improve the quality of their writing.











Maths

In our Spring 1 topics, we will be carrying on looking at **multiplication and division**. This includes multiplying and dividing 2-digit numbers by 1-digit numbers. We will look at the different procedures and methods to show the children how to complete these calculations. After, we will be looking at **length and perimeter** with a focus on different units of measurement followed by what is perimeter and how to calculate it. The children should continue to use TT Rockstars to practise their times tables.



Science

In Science this half term, children will complete the 'Rocks' unit of work before moving on to 'Animals including Humans'. During this unit children will learn about the nutrition humans need to keep healthy, how the skeleton helps humans and animals to move, and how it protects and supports them, not all animals have skeletons and how muscle helps with movement. Throughout the topic, Year 3 will be applying a range of scientific enquiry skills, including researching, setting up practical experiments, making observations and recording findings.

 <p>History/ Geography</p> <p>In the first few weeks, the children will be finishing off their work on the Stone Age periods, where we will be looking at how housing changed and progressed. After this, we will be turning our focus to geography. The children will start their learning about the UK - cities, regions and counties. They will be completing mapwork where these places are in the UK.</p>	 <p>Art</p> <p>In Art, we will be looking at body art in relation to the human body, which looks at shape and proportions of the human body. Throughout this topic, we shall be looking at how the human body moves in different positions such as sitting, standing, playing sport using mannequins to support their drawing.</p>
 <p>Music</p> <p>In music, we will be looking at composing using your imagination. The children will be developing their knowledge of key words including making lyrics that can go to a melody.</p>	 <p>RE</p> <p>The topic for RE this half term is Muslim Prayer, children will learn about the importance of prayer in the Islamic culture, where and how Muslims pray and why Jumah is the most important day of prayer.</p>
 <p>PSHE/RSHE</p> <p>We will be looking at a topic called Healthy me. The focus will be looking at how to keep us fit and healthy now and throughout life. Also, what to do if we do not feel safe and how to be safe in different scenarios.</p>	 <p>PE</p> <p>In P.E, this half-term, we will be understanding the skills and rules of tag rugby, where they will start to develop knowledge of this sport. We will also develop our techniques in basketball and understanding the rules related to this invasion sport. It is vital that your child comes in warm P.E kit because we will be outside for parts of these lessons.</p>
 <p>Computing</p> <p>Programming is the topic for this half term, children will use the program Scratch, where they will learn how to add backdrops and characters before writing a simple algorithm to make a character move to a specific point. Children will be given the opportunity write code and then to spot and fix any errors in it.</p>	 <p>French</p> <p>Children will be continuing to learn, name and recognise a variety of vegetables in French, as well as take part in role plays around buying vegetables at a market.</p>
<p>Key dates: Key dates to follow when confirmed.</p>	<p>Key information: P.E - Monday and Friday. Library - Friday. Homework and Book Change - Friday</p>
<p>Support resources: (Please add links and support resources to help families understand the topics that will be covered in the half term and to help them complete tasks on the homework grid)</p> <p>Cities of the UK KS2 Geography Year 3 and Year 4 - BBC Bitesize Animals including humans - Year 3 Science - BBC Bitesize</p>	