



Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter 2026

Happy New Year and welcome back! Thank you so much for your kind and generous Christmas gifts. They were so thoughtful and were really appreciated. This half term our value is **Wisdom**. During Collective Worship and class activities, we shall be exploring what wisdom is and how we can show it in our day-to-day lives. After half term our value will be **Hope**.

English

Our English work will continue to focus around lovely texts using The Literacy Tree scheme. This half term, the children will be focusing on the story 'The Pied Piper of Hamelin' by Michael Murpugo.

Our learning will include a range of drama (we have already had an invasion of rats in our lesson!) and practical activities to develop speaking and listening skills and to help the children really engage with and understand the text before writing about it. This term in English we will be focusing particularly on the use of accurate grammar and punctuation. We will also be thinking about choosing exciting vocabulary to make our writing more impactful and learning to extend our sentences using a range of clauses and punctuation.

Maths

We are beginning the Spring term by continuing to look at multiplication and division. This term we will be focusing on introducing new formal methods for multiplication and division. We will be using formal methods for both. This is vitally important to help the children develop a secure understanding of Mathematics.

Another key skill which the children are developing is to apply their mathematical knowledge to solve problems in a range of practical contexts. This will include applying the skills they have learnt to solve one and two step problems. We will also be looking again at consolidating Mental Maths facts, such as simple addition and subtraction and times tables.

The children will also develop their understanding of shape, money and measure. It is really important that as the children move through Year 3 they are able to tell the time confidently to the nearest 5 minutes. Many children find this tricky, so you may like to help by practising at home in addition to the weekly Maths homework.

RE

During RE this half term, the children will have the opportunity to learn about the Hindu faith and what it means to be a Hindu in Britain today. This will include how Hindus show their faith within their families, what it looks like to go to their place of worship, key practices and festivals they celebrate. After half term we will be exploring the Christian faith and key characters in the Easter narrative. We will be looking at the importance of Easter to Christians in the context of their faith.

Times Tables

As always, times tables are a key skill and will be vital to the children's speed, fluency and deeper level of understanding regarding their work. Please continue to encourage the children to regularly practise their times tables whether orally to you, Times Tables Rock Stars or other platforms you prefer. We are currently learning the 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science, Computing and DT

Our science focus this half term will be on 'Light'. This unit will focus on Comparative and Fair testing. During this time, the children will learn to:

- recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light
- notice that light is reflected from surfaces
- recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes

In Spring 2, we will learn about plants.

History

During History this half term, we will be learning about the Bronze age. The children will be looking at how culture has changed from the Stone Age. They will be particularly focusing on building development, art, culture and farming.

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Friday, which will include spelling and Maths activities on My Maths. In addition to this, the children should be reading aloud to an adult regularly at home and logging this in their reading log. Weekly TTRS or Timetables practise too, please.

PPA

My weekly non-contact time will be on Friday mornings. Mrs O'Hanlon will continue to take the class during this time.

Geography

This half term, we will be focusing on the Earth from the International Space Station. This is a fun chance to see our world from a different perspective and learn more about the work of the astronauts on the International Space Station.

The children will be looking at pictures of the Earth from Space, identifying continents, countries and other landmarks that can be spotted from Space. Part of our learning will also be investigating how the astronauts live on the International Space Station. There will be videos for the children to watch and a chance for them to create their own fact files.

Expressive Art

Our art focus this half term is sketching and modelling. For this the children will be asked to follow tutorials to sketch an object, paying careful attention to the proportions of the object. The children will learn techniques used by this term's focus artist, Leonardo Da Vinci. They will then have a chance to show off new skills based on an object of their choosing.

We will also begin to learn say simple greetings in French and continue our music studies.

Wellbeing

During our Wellbeing lessons we will be learning about the birds that visit our school grounds. Please bring wellies if we do not already have a pair in school. We will also be taking part in the RSPB's Big Schools' Bird Watch, at the end of January. You can also take part at home—do look up their website.

This term in P.E our sports foci will be Netball, Dodge ball and Dance. Our P.E Lessons will continue to take place on a Thursday. Please ensure your child is wearing the correct P.E kit: navy blue shorts/tracksuit bottoms and navy blue/yellow T-shirts and that they have a warm jumper or hoodie as we will be outside for much of it! Gloves and hats too if they would like.

The children will be going swimming in the second half of the Summer Term.



And finally...

If you have any quick questions or concerns please feel free to catch me in the playground at the end of the day. If you would like to speak me more privately, please contact the school office to arrange an appointment. Please do keep an eye on the school website which lists all the key dates for the Spring term,

Mrs Newman - Year 3 Class Teacher