



YEAR 3



newsletter

Autumn Term



Welcome to...

YEAR 3

We are really looking forward to welcoming our new Year 3s and their families to Key Stage 2. This year the children will work on their independence, problem solving and adaptability.

Our term begins with the opening of our 'Magic Store Box' which is filled with a variety of objects and vocabulary. From this we begin to explore the text alongside our English and Discovery lessons.

English

In our first term, we are exploring the text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes. This is a classic text which we will use as stimulus for the children to write a narrative and instruction text.

We will encourage our children to actively engage with a variety of media and get the most out of the learning experience. This will enable them to use grammar, punctuation and vocabulary creatively in order to bring their own work to life. Grammar sessions will support our English learning, giving new knowledge that can be applied in our writing.

Our Guided Reading lessons will continue to take place, developing reading fluency and comprehension.

Maths



The units we will be covering in Maths this term are: Place Value, Addition and Subtraction and Multiplication and Division.

All lessons encourage children to explore concepts and develop their understanding of number through the manipulation of concrete resources (e.g. base ten, counters) and then apply this knowledge in problem solving and reasoning activities.

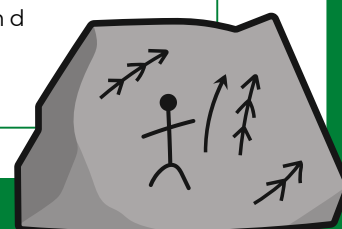
We also use 'Teach Active Maths' as a way of engaging the children in their maths outside of the classroom.

We will have core arithmetic sessions at the start of each maths lesson to consolidate our understanding of mathematical vocabulary and calculation skills.

Discovery - History / Geography

Our Geography focus this term is on the Peak District and our History topic for this term is Iron Age to Stone Age. The children will understand the importance of the prehistoric time and how this period of history has shaped life today. We will look at human and physical geographical features within the Stone Age.

We will have a Stone Age day as part of this topic on Wednesday 22nd October.



Spelling & Handwriting

Spelling is taught daily following a weekly programme where a number of key spelling rules are explored. Year 3 and 4 Common Exception Words are also practiced within school.

We are starting a new approach to handwriting using 'Letter-join.' This will be taught daily to all children.

Website

Keep a look out on our Year 3 page on the school website to find out what we have been up to as a year group and to get the most up-to-date information relating to Year 3.

Homework

Year 3 children are required to:

- Read at least 3 times a week with an adult. This must be recorded in their reading record.
- Practice timestables using the TTRockstars resource 3 times a week.

Other Curriculum Areas

Spanish: Musical instruments.

Music: We will be learning to play the keyboard.

Art: Prehistoric Paintings.

RE: How do people from non-religious communities celebrate key festivals?



Curriculum Days & Key Dates

Art: Friday 3rd October 2025
Prehistoric Paintings.

RE: Thursday 23rd October 2025
How do people from non-religious communities celebrate key festivals?

RE: 25th September 2025
Christians in schools - L2.5 Harvest festival



Ludworth Values

We believe that if children can develop and demonstrate our key values, they will fulfil our school ethos of 'Being our Best Selves'.

Adaptability
Independence
Commitment
Problem Solving
Communication
Determination

Each half term we will be focusing on one of our six Ludworth Values. This term we shall be focusing on Adaptability and Independence.

P.E.

Year 3 will have P.E. on Monday (Forest SChools) and Thursday (indoor).

Children are required to come into school wearing their uniform and bring their full P.E. kit in a P.E. bag. Please make sure all P.E. kit is named.

This term our PE focus will be on health related fitness. .

