

Curriculum Newsletter Spring Term 2026 – Year 3

Term	Topic
Spring First Half	How did the discovery of metal change the way people lived?
Spring Second Half	Has our playground always looked like this? What do plants need to grow?

Religious Education

In Spring we will be covering 2 different topics in RE

1. **Galilee to Jerusalem** - The visit of the Magi. The kingdom of God. Miracles of Jesus. Knowledge of parables. The 'Our Father'
2. **Desert to Garden** - Events of Holy Week. How Jesus showed his love at the Last Supper celebrating the first Eucharist. Liturgy of the Eucharist.

The Year 3 children will continue their preparations for the First Holy Communion. Please continue to share your child's mission activity and their work in their special Communion book. It is important that they bring all of the Holy Communion resources with them to the sessions each Tuesday.

English

Reading

Our core texts this term are *The Stolen Spear* by Saviour Pirotta and *Spy Dog* by Andrew Cope.

We will be reading a variety of fiction and non-fiction texts with children, discussing key features of texts and developing comprehension skills. In school, reading experiences will vary between independent reading, shared reading (focused groups with teacher) and whole class reading. For maximum progress to be made, it is vital that children are also reading with an adult on a daily basis at home.

Writing

Skills will be developed through learning of the features and style of writing in

- Mystery stories
- Myths and Legends
- Dialogue and Plays
- Poetry: Language play

Within each genre we will look at the key features and learn to recognise and use these within our own writing.

Spelling

New prefixes will include 'sub'; 'tele..'; 'auto..'; 'super..'

Suffixes including **revision of** '..ness/..less/..ful/..ly'; Practise of suffixes including '..sion/..ssion'; '..sure/..ssure';

Strategies when writing, including '**Attempt spellings using phonics**', **use of word books** and familiarity with **homophones**.

Children will also continue working on the Years 3 / 4 Statutory list, their own personal target spellings list and any outstanding areas from Year 2 and from Term 1 of Year 3.

Children will be encouraged to develop their proofreading and editing skills, to ensure they apply their spelling knowledge as accurately as possible.

Learning and practicing spellings

Pupils:

- Learn selected words taught in new knowledge this term.
- Learn words from the Years 3 and 4 word list.
- Learn words from personal lists.

Grammar & Punctuation

We will be learning about the importance of proof reading our writing to check for grammatical sense and correct use of punctuation. The children will be expected to be able to use capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks to demarcate sentences. They will also be introduced to inverted commas to punctuate direct speech.

In their written work children will be expected to use a range of conjunctions [for example, when, before, after, while, so, because], adverbs [for example: likely, quietly, quickly] and prepositions [for example: in, around, towards, over, at].

Mathematics

Pupils across the school work through the same unit topics and activities are differentiated to meet their individual needs.

In addition, your children should be practising their times tables at home in preparation for our weekly test.

We aim to cover the following topics this term:

- Division and multiplication (written and mental methods)
- Geometry – 2D shape, angles, parallel and perpendicular lines
- Securing number facts and relationships – including investigations and algebra
- Addition & Subtraction methods – including money problems
- Statistics – pictograms, bar graphs, Venn and Carroll Diagrams
- Measurement – time and perimeter
- Fractions – adding and subtracting fractions

Science

Plants – children will identify and describe the functions of different parts of flowering plants: roots, stem/trunk, leaves and flowers, explore the requirements of plants for life and growth (air, light, water, nutrients from soil, and room to grow), investigate the way in which water is transported within plants, explore the part that flowers play in the life cycle of flowering plants.

History

Changes in Britain from Stone Age to the Iron Age – Focus on Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children will be looking at how we find evidence from our landscape and from ancient history that tells us about Britain in the distant past. Children will learn about Bronze Age and Iron Age farming, art and culture. The children will also be learning about types of settlement and land use, economic activity including trade links, and the distribution of natural resources including energy, food, minerals and water.

Geography

Local area study - Children will be using fieldwork to observe, measure record and present the human and physical features in the local area using a range of methods, including sketch maps, plans and graphs, and digital technologies.

PE – Mondays and Fridays. It is important for children to have a full PE kit for each PE sessions.

Music

We will be continuing our African Drumming lessons with Mr Kentish on Wednesday afternoons.

Dates – Please check the weekly newsletter and website for the most current information regarding masses, concerts etc

Monday 19th January Non-uniform day - £1 donation per family to raise money for guide dogs for the blind

Friday 23rd January School Photographer – Class photos

Friday 30th January FoTV Bingo Night – 7.00pm

Monday 2nd – Sunday 8th February National Storytelling Week

Monday 2nd February Candlemas Mass – 9.30am

Thursday 12th February Parental Consultations – school closes at 2.00pm

Friday 13th February – In school Mardi Celebrations. Children to dress up in carnival colours

Monday 16th – Friday 20th February Half Term

Thursday 5th March World Book Day

Monday 16th – Friday 20th March Scholastic Book Fair after school in the library

Tuesday 17th March St Patrick's Day Mass – 9.30am

Friday 20th March Year 3 Kew Gardens trip

Friday 20th March FoTV Infant Mardi Gras Ball – 5.00pm-6.30pm

Friday 20th March FoTV Junior Mardi Gras Ball – 7.00pm-8.30pm

Thursday 26th March Infant Holy Week Liturgy – 9.30am

Thursday 26th March Junior Holy Week Liturgy – 10.00am

Friday 27th March Last day of term – school closes at 1.30pm

Communication with parents

It is very important to us as a school that we work in partnership with parents. Therefore we welcome any feedback you can give us about your child and their experience in school. If you have any concerns or worries, please see your child's class teacher; Mr Gauci & Miss Yadav.