



ELLEN WILKINSON

Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter 2026-2027 - Quarter 1

Dear Year 3 parents and carers,

Each quarter we will send a newsletter outlining the key learning and coverage in each subject area, along with useful links and ideas of how you can help to support your child's learning at home.

Learning mats, with key knowledge and vocabulary for each of the Foundation subjects, will be shared with your child via their Google classroom account.

Core subjects

English	In reading we will be covering the following texts Mr Penguin and the Lost Treasure by Alex T. Smith with a focus on: • Asking questions to improve their understanding of a text • Drawing inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions • Justifying inferences with evidence • Predicting what might happen from details stated and implied • Identifying main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarising these • Identifying how language, structure, and presentation contribute to meaning In <u>writing</u> we will be exploring the following texts, The Heart and the Bottle by Oliver Jeffers and Leon and the Place Between by Angela McAllister with a focus on: • Character description • Narrative retelling • Own version 'dilemma' narrative • Persuasive poster • Setting description • Thought bubbles / diary entry • Dialogue • Own version fantasy narrative. Grammar: Present perfect form, Conjunctions, commas after fronted adverbials, direct speech, spelling rules and noun phrases. Useful links/ways to support at home: Encourage your child to learn weekly spelling rules and related lists. Reading regularly CGP revision books – look at areas covered in class. Daily handwriting practise
Maths	Number: - Place value

	- Addition and subtraction (mental methods and the number line) - Word problems - Multiples of 2, 3, 5 and 10 - Counting in 4s and 8s - Doubling to find multiples of 4 and 8 - Fractions - Properties of 3D shapes Useful links/ways to support at home: Encourage your child to access Freckle everyday and complete the units on topics covered in class. - Practise written methods for the four operations at home. - Times tables practise- including related division facts to secure knowledge. Timestable rockstars is a brilliant way to consolidate times tables practise - Revise shape properties – shape bingo, guess my shape games etc. - CGP revision books
Science	Our unit this quarter is: Light Big Question: Why do I have a shadow? Useful links/ways to support at home: - Go outside and create shadows. - Go over key vocabulary related to the topic and knowledge mats which are accessible via Google Classroom - Non-fiction books related to the topic to secure your child's understanding. - Museum visits e.g. Science museum.

Foundation subjects

History/Geography	Our unit this quarter is: Where does our food come from? <u>Geography:</u> - Name and locate the 7 continents and 5 oceans - Identify the main countries in Europe and their capital cities - Identify countries some of our foods come from. - Name healthy and unhealthy foods from around the world - Compare a region of the UK with a region in Europe - Name and identify human and physical features - Plan and make a pizza - Plan a route using the 4 points of the compass - Bread making workshop - Understand fairtrade Useful links/ways to support at home: - Look at food packaging and identify the ingredients. - Create a list of all the countries in Europe you have or would like to visit and why? - Carry out further research into the big question at home – internet, books and visits to the library. This could give your child an area of interest for their project.
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ART/DT	Art: Our unit this quarter is to design and make an Egyptian clay pot. Useful links/ways to support at home: Research coil pots: https://www.accessart.org.uk/decorative-clay-coil-pots/ Make a coil pot with your child using plasticine.
Computing	Our unit this quarter is: Computing systems and networks - connecting computers Useful links/ways to support at home: Identify digital devices around the home and discuss how they work and how they help us. Talk about networks and how computers are connected.
MfL	This quarter in Mandarin, we will be consolidating previous learning, as well as looking at family members (including using he, she) and body parts. Useful links/ways to support at home: https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zsbc87h Useful links/ways to support at home: Rock 'N Learn produces child-friendly, animated Mandarin learning videos that are excellent for young learners (YouTube).
RE	Our unit this quarter is How did Jesus and Buddha make people stop and think? Useful links/ways to support at home: Talk about people in your lives that have had a positive impact on you or on a group of people and why.
PSHE	Our unit this quarter is Celebrating Differences Useful links/ways to support at home: Talk about your family and your values. Discuss how to resolve conflicts. Discuss bullying and how important our words are.
PE	Our PE units this quarter are Tennis and Basketball and will focus on the skills of: Basketball: Attacking, defending and ball manipulation skills such as dribbling and shooting. Tennis: Attacking, defending and ball manipulation skills such as striking/returning an object, shot selection – forehand/backhand/volley and serving - underarm PE days are Mondays and Wednesdays. On your child's PE day(s), please ensure your child is wearing the correct PE kit, details of which can be found in the school uniform policy.
Music	In music we will be developing an understanding of musical notation (e.g., crotchets, quavers, rests).

Educational Visits

We will send out further communication regarding any trips, via email, once these have been confirmed.

Home Learning

Each week your child should get:

- ☐ **Reading:**
 - Reading should be recorded in your child's home learning book.
 - In addition, we encourage you to read stories to your child regularly, and have a healthy reading culture at home, to promote a love of reading. This will also support your child in their writing.
 - BugClub is a platform available to all - linked above.
- ☐ **Spellings:**
 - Ensure opportunities throughout the week for your child to practise their spellings.
- ☐ **Maths practice:**
 - Your child should complete tasks assigned to them on Freckle and the Times Tables Rock Stars website.

Please speak to your child's class teacher, if you have any questions about how to access any of the school's learning platforms.

**All home learning will be issued on a Friday and collected on a Wednesday.
Other subject tasks will be set at the discretion of the class teacher.**

If you find anything out, come across an exciting book or find a great website, please let us know so we can pass the information on to all our other parents.
Many thanks for your help and support.

Kind regards,

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