

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to the start of a new and exciting year! We are delighted to welcome your children into Year 3 and hope to provide them with a range of wonderful learning opportunities. There is a great deal of useful information included in the pupils' Home Learning Diaries, which they received this week. We have included some key messages below in addition to this.

The Year 3 teaching team includes the following members of staff:

Garnet Class

- Miss Pulleyn (class teacher);
- Mrs King (HLTA)

Diamond Class

- Miss Beasley (Class teacher);
- Mrs Tripp (TA Monday - Wednesday);
- Mrs Narula (TA Wednesday - Friday).

Year 3 pupils will have PE sessions twice per week. Wednesday will be indoor PE and Thursday is outdoor. Pupils will change into their PE kit before the lesson and will come home in their PE kit. Please ensure your child has the correct kit to change into for these sessions and it is brought back ready for the next lesson.

PE items can be brought into school in a draw-string PE bag and kept in class during term time. In addition, a disposable plastic bag should be supplied for wet items to be placed in.

- Compulsory white sports t-shirt with school logo;
- Black shorts;
- Black tracksuit if appropriate;
- Trainers (black or white).

Please note, jewellery **MUST** be removed or taped for PE and hair tied back so please bring hair ties for longer hair.

Please ensure all clothing and items that are brought into school are clearly **named**. This includes: all parts of the school uniform, P.E. kit, shoes, trainers, coats, lunch boxes, water bottles and book bags.



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Home Learning

- Reading a minimum of 20 minutes each day (recorded in Home Learning Diary, checked on Wednesday). Children must write in their diary 5 times and the first pink page in the diary explains what should be written on each day;
- Accelerated Reader online quiz as each book is finished. Completing at least one quiz every 3 weeks;
- Weekly online maths activities on century (completed by Wednesday);
- Weekly Log and Learn spellings (to be completed in Home Learning Diaries by Wednesday). The children will stick their spellings on the correct page and write the spellings 3 times on the yellow pages in their diaries;
- Termly topic project (information to be sent out separately – see termly overview).

Maths

We are currently in the process of getting passwords for century and as soon as we have those we will let you know when the maths homework is set and will show your children how to access it. The best way is to go to the Whiteknights website and click the little icon on the right, which is white with red and blue this is the century website. Children will also receive Times Tables Rock Stars log ins to practice their times tables.

If you have any questions at all, please do not hesitate to come and see us.

Many thanks,

Miss Pulleyn and Miss Beasley

Year 3 Teachers



Year Group 3

Autumn 1

English

We will be exploring sentence construction and grammar. We will then have an authors study about Roald Dahl. Then we will focus on a story opening with dialogue and a diary entry linking to our Guided Reading and Topic learning.

Maths

We will be using White Rose Maths to facilitate our maths learning. We will be revising key areas including place value and addition and subtraction.

Computing

This term we will focus on Google skills and we will become 'programmers'. We will also look at related e-safety learning.

PSHE

We will be using Connect to discover, notice and advisor both themselves and others on values they have around exercise, balanced diets and self care.

History

We will be exploring the changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age and how it has impacted modern day life.

Art

In art we will be looking at cave paintings and using a finger painting technique. We will also be exploring paintings found in Lascaux, France.

The Stone Age

PE

We will be spending Autumn 1 practising our football and gymnastics skills.

Science

We will be learning about rocks, soils and fossils. We will be conducting exciting experiments using rocks!

RE

We will be focusing on Hinduism, the feeling of belonging and what this means.

Guided Reading

We are studying 'Life in the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age' by Anita Ganeri. This will link to our Topic learning and writing lessons.

Music

This term in Music we will be starting to learn the Glockenspiel. We will start to recognise and learn notes, and will begin to play these along to a tune.

Latin

We will be starting to learn the Latin language, understanding why it is still an important language.

Curriculum Enrichment

Our teaching will be cross-curricular to ensure an enriched curriculum with deeper learning opportunities.

Our trip for this term is a visit Butser Ancient Farm on Friday 24th October.

SPLAT dates to follow.

Topic Projects

For your home learning project this half term we would like the children to recreate Stonehenge in miniature form or Skara Brae. This links to our Guided Reading and History topic— The Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age.

Project due in Monday 10th November 2025.

Websites Worth Visiting

<https://www.century.tech/> (Log ins will be available at the start of term)

<https://trockstars.com/> (Log ins will be available at the start of term)