



# Whiteknights

## Growing Greatness

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January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We have had a great start to the term, with the children enthusiastic to learn about our new topic: **Romans**.

We would like to remind you that there is a lot of useful information included in the pupils' Home Learning Diaries to support their progress. The expectation is that children complete their reading comments independently (using the sentence stems on pages 19). Please ensure you check and sign the Reading and Spelling pages weekly.

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).

### P.E.

Year 3 pupils 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.

### 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;
- 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).



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### Enrichment:

RE Inspired will be coming to see Year 3 to learn all about Jesus' miracles.

### **Garnet rotation cycle:**

Garnet class will have their final week of rotation activities – w/c: Monday 5<sup>th</sup> January 2026 (first week back)

### **Diamond rotation cycle:**

- w/c: Monday 12<sup>th</sup> January (Week 2 of Spring 1)
- w/c: Monday 19<sup>th</sup> January (Week 3 of Spring 1)
- w/c: Monday 26<sup>th</sup> January (Week 4 of Spring 1)

All children in **Diamond** class will have received letters about their rotation cycle to explain which group they are in and the activities and resources they will need for their enrichment week of learning.

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

## Spring 1

### English

We will be writing a suspense story linking to our senses and a persuasive letter. The persuasive letter will be linked to our Guided Reading text.

### Maths

We will be using White Rose Maths to facilitate our Maths learning. We will extend our understanding of multiplication and division as well as exploring new topics of measurement and fractions.

### Music

We will continue to learn how to play the glockenspiel, focusing on building our fluency and accuracy. We will also be composing a piece of music with a beginning, middle and end.

### PSHE

Our Connect theme will be 'Giving to others'. Showing admiration and appreciation of others and exploring climate change and why its important.

## Romans

### History

Our focus will be the Roman Empire and its impact on Britain, including Boudicca, the legacy of the Romans and Roman buildings.

### PE

We will be spending the term learning how to play Netball and we will be developing our dance skills and using them to create a Roman dance.

### Science

Over the term, we will be learning about animals including, Humans. We will learn about diet, keeping healthy and comparing the skeletons of animals and humans.

### Art

We will be investigating Roman pottery. We will be making pottery inspired by both the Romans and a contemporary artist (Pip Wilcox).

### Guided Reading

We will be reading the fiction text Escape from Pompeii by Christina Balit which links to our History learning about the Romans.

### RE

This term our focus is Christianity and miracles. Our key question is, 'Could Jesus really heal people?' RE inspired will be visiting from the church volunteers.

## Curriculum Enrichment

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

The children will continue to rotate through science lab, sport, nutritional learning and outdoor learning.

RE inspired visit.

## Topic Projects

Our half termly home learning project will link to our History learning. Please create a fact file on Boudicca.

Projects handed in by Wednesday 25th February 2026 (after February half term).

## Websites Worth Visiting

<http://www.primaryhomeworkhelp.co.uk/>