



Whiteknights

Growing Greatness

February 2026

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Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope you had a great half term break. We have lots of exciting learning planned for this term. As part of encouraging the children to become more independent and take ownership of their homework, we ask that you to please allow them to login to their Accelerated Reader and Century themselves and that passwords not be saved.

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

Diamond Class

- Miss Beasley (class teacher);
- Mrs Tripp (teaching assistant Mon -Wed);
- Mrs Narula (teaching assistant Wed - Fri)

Garnet Class

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

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 (to be logged by children in the Home Learning diary);
- Accelerated Reader online quiz to be completed as soon as possible after a book is finished;
- Century weekly online maths activities (completed by Wednesday);
- Times tables practise each night (2, 3, 4, 5 and 10);
- Weekly Log and Learn spellings (to be completed in Home Learning Diaries by Wednesday);

Termly Project:

Children to create a fact file / poster all about Boudicca, linking to our History learning of the Romans.

Due 11th March – date extended.



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Events and Enrichment

- African Drumming Workshop – Wednesday 25th February
- SPLAT – Wednesday 4th March
- World Book Day activities – Friday 6th March
- Year 3 and 4 Easter Production to parents – Tuesday 24th March 9:30am and 1:30pm
- Egg Rolling – Thursday 26th March
- Easter Bonnet Parade - Friday 27th March

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

Many thanks,

Miss Beasley & Miss Pulleyn

Year 3 teachers



Year Group 3

Spring 2

English

We will use our previous learning to write instructions about how to make a clay pot. Our second writing piece will be a persuasive letter persuading Plop (Guided Reader character) to not be scared of the dark.

Maths

We will be using White Rose Maths to facilitate our Maths learning. We will extend our understanding of fractions and we will be learning about mass and capacity.

Computing

We will learn to be presenters and will create a sports skill video.

PSHE

The connect wellbeing focus this term is 'Connect with Others', we will focus on one of the DNA-V skills each week.

Romans

Geography

Linked to our learning about the Romans, we will learn about types of settlements, land use and trade lines and how the local area is used.

PE

We will be spending the term developing our hockey skills and we will test our fitness in multi skills.

Science

Our topic will be 'Forces and Magnets'. We will explore which materials are magnetic and how objects move on different surfaces.

DT

Linked to our Roman topic we will be using our Science knowledge to design and make Roman catapults.

Guided Reading

We will be reading the fiction text *The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark* by Jill Tomlinson.

Music

We will be learning how to play the Glockenspiel recalling notes previously learnt and the 'higher

RE

We will be learning about Christianity and Easter. Our key question is, 'What is good about Good Friday?'

Curriculum Enrichment

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Websites Worth Visiting

Century

Accelerated Reader

Time Tables Rock Stars