



Year 3 Autumn 2025

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Autumn Term

Welcome back!



A brand-new term means new opportunities, fresh challenges, and exciting adventures ahead. Let's step into this term with positivity, curiosity, and determination to do our best.



English

In English, we will be looking at developing a rich and varied use of vocabulary in our writing to describe characters and settings from well-known traditional tales. As part of a school-wide initiative to develop oracy, we will be practicing our verbal story telling skills as an integral part of this.

We will also be placing an emphasis on accurate spelling and punctuation as well as starting to focus on using joined handwriting.

We are looking forward to using the Accelerated Reader scheme as our tool to promote and enthuse a regular reading habit. This is in addition to focused reading sessions during the week.



Science

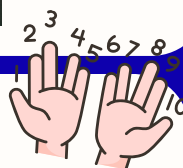
As our first science topic, we will be exploring plants. Specifically, we will learn about the functions of the different parts of flowering plants and investigate the requirements of plants for life and growth. We will investigate the way in which water is transported within plants and find out the part that flowers play in the life cycle of plants. As scientists, we will learn how to make predictions, construct fair tests and make reasoned explanations for our findings.



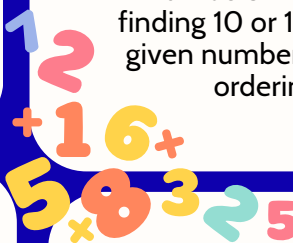
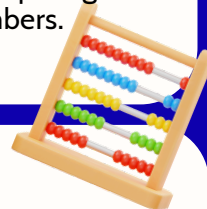
Our book this term is
The Three Billy Goats Gruff



Maths



In maths we will be looking at different ways to represent numbers up to 1,000. We will be using a range of resources such as dienes, beadstrings and counters as well as using number-lines and our own jottings and drawings to support our learning. We will look at how we can partition 3-digit numbers in different ways as well as finding 10 or 100 more (or less) than any given number as well as comparing and ordering 3-digit numbers.



Computing

We will be using our Purple Mash computing platform to learn some of the concepts of computer coding and learn how to create and debug some simple visual coding exercises.





Geography



In Geography, we will be asking the question, 'What is the importance of vegetation biomes to the population?' To answer this we will gain an understanding of the different biomes around the globe, find out what agriculture means and learn about which crops are grown in the UK.



Spanish

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We are all looking forward to beginning our first year of learning Spanish with Miss Wheeler. To begin with, we will learn how to introduce ourselves in Spanish and then go on to learn how to count to twenty and to name colours in Spanish.

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PE

We will be using our Get Set 4 PE scheme to learn some of the necessary skills and strategies for invasion games such as netball.

3NJ will be going to the Franche School swimming pool to learn how to swim and develop their swimming ability.



RE

This half term finds us exploring what Christians learn from the Creation story. In doing so, we will look at simple links between stories, teachings and concepts studied and how people live, individually and in communities. We will see how people show their beliefs in how they worship and in the way they live and identify some differences in how people put their beliefs into practice.



Music



Our topic this half-term is entitled - 'Let Your Spirit Fly' and as the name suggests, we will be lifting our hearts and voices whilst at the same time practicing some fundamental musical concepts such as recognising simple musical notation and developing our sense of musical timing.



Dates for diary.

1st October - 31st October - Black History Month

Friday 10th October - Y3 Harvest Festival Family Event

Monday 13th October - Non-Uniform Day for Rainbow Raffle

27th - 3rd October - Half-Term

Thursday 20th November - PTA Movie Night

Friday 21st November - Flu Vaccines

Friday 12th December - PTA Elfridges

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