



Jesus said, "Come, live your life the way God wants you to"

Year Three

Autumn 1 Half Term Newsletter

Miss Moffatt (Class Teacher Monday-Thursday Morning), Mrs Hughes (Class Teacher-Thursday afternoon-Friday and Mrs McKeowan (Class Support)

Welcome to Year 3!

We are so excited to be starting a brand-new school year, and we know the children are too! Moving into Key Stage 2 can bring a mix of emotions, but we are confident that the children are ready and will have a fantastic year ahead, filled with fun, learning, laughter and new experiences. We can't wait to dive into our learning journey together!

The Year 3 class will be taught by *Miss Moffatt and Mrs Hughes*, with support from *Mrs McKeowan* throughout the week.

We would also like to invite you to our annual 'Meet the Teacher' meeting on *Thursday 18th September*, which will take place in the Year 3 classroom. This will be a valuable opportunity to share important information about the year ahead and to answer any questions you may have. We hope to see as many of you there as possible!

We will be using your child's *Reading Journal* as a form of communication from time to time, so please check it regularly. You are welcome to use it to write messages to Miss Moffatt or Mrs Hughes, but please be aware that journals are not checked daily. If there is a message that needs urgent attention, kindly encourage your child to hand the journal to a member of staff when they arrive at school or leave a message with the office.

Please remember that *our door is always open*. If you ever have any questions, concerns, or just want to chat about your child's progress, feel free to come and speak to a member of staff. We're here to work together to ensure your child has a brilliant year and makes excellent progress.

We're looking forward to a fantastic year in Year 3!

Warm regards,
The Year 3 Team

The Year Three Curriculum

The school website is a great source of information about our curriculum. You'll find **knowledge organisers**, **year-group specific curriculum maps**, and **home learning resources** to help you stay up to date with what your child is learning. Please do take a moment to visit the website to find out more about the **Year 3 curriculum**. In Year 3, the curriculum focuses on building a strong foundation in **core subjects** such as **English**, **Maths**, and **Science**, alongside a broad range of **foundation subjects**. In English, children will develop their reading, writing, and grammar skills. In Maths, they will explore number operations, fractions, and measurement. Science topics include forces, light, and plants.

Children will also study **History**, **Geography**, **Art**, **Design and Technology**, and **Music**, with an emphasis on developing key skills in each subject. Additionally, children will learn about **Religious Education**, **Physical Education**, **French** and **Computing**.

The curriculum is designed to be engaging, encouraging children to explore and develop a love for learning across a variety of subjects.

Home Learning

Reading continues to be a key focus in Year 3. We are excited to introduce a new online programme called **Reading Plus**, which will help support the children's reading fluency, vocabulary, and comprehension. After seeing the positive impact in other schools, we are confident that this programme will make a real difference in children's reading development.

We understand that some parents may have concerns about screen time, but it's important to note that **Reading Plus** is a research-backed, educational platform designed to develop confident readers. Sessions can be completed in as little as 10 minutes and can be accessed on any device, including tablets, laptops, and even gaming consoles like PlayStations!

To make accessing **Reading Plus** easier, we will be sticking your child's login details into their **Reading Journal**. This will allow them to log in quickly and easily both at home and at school.

In addition to **Reading Plus**, we are placing a strong emphasis on reading for pleasure. We'll be spending time in our wonderful school library, and we have invested in lots of exciting new books for the children to take home and enjoy. We encourage you to continue this love of reading at home as well. We kindly ask that your child's reading journal is signed **five times a week**, with a mixture of **Reading Plus** and reading for pleasure.

In Year 3, we prioritise **times table** learning as it forms a vital foundation for the children's mathematical understanding. We will continue to encourage the children to use **Times Table Rockstars**, where they can

take part in exciting battles throughout the year. A strong knowledge of times tables is essential for future math skills, so please encourage your child to access TT Rockstars **daily**.

Each week, the children will focus on a specific times table group at home and will be quizzed on every **Friday**.

Spellings

Spellings will be sent home at the beginning of each term (please see the attached sheet or check the class webpage for the list). We encourage children to practice these regularly at home, and they will be tested on them every **Friday**. To help them retain their spelling knowledge, we recommend encouraging the children to apply the words in **sentences**.

This half term, we will be focusing on **French**, and we're excited to continue building the children's language skills. To support their learning, please encourage your child to access **Language Angels**, where they can complete a variety of fun activities to revisit and reinforce the French they have already learned. This will help them retrieve key vocabulary and phrases and continue developing their confidence in speaking and understanding French.

Language Angels log on details

Username: stthomas31

Password: stthomas31

Home-time

A quick reminder that for **safeguarding purposes**, if you wish for your child to be collected by someone other than the usual person, you must inform a member of staff in advance. **Key Stage 2 home time is at 15:30.**

Seesaw

We will continue to use **Seesaw** to share updates and showcase your child's work. Your login details should remain the same. If you have any issues logging in, please let us know, and we'll be happy to send the details home. Seesaw will be used for **announcements**, **home learning** assignments, and to display **excellent work**, but please note that the message function will not be in use. If you need to speak with a member of staff, kindly make an appointment at the school office.

PE and Swimming

Swimming will take place later in the academic year and PE lessons will be held every Friday with Mrs Hughes.

If your child is participating in any extra-curricular clubs, please ensure they bring their PE kit on the relevant days, as they will get changed after school.

We are all excited for the year ahead and greatly appreciate your support. Please don't hesitate to contact us at any point throughout the year.

The Year 3 Team

Year Three Curriculum Map

In the Autumn term, we will be learning about:

Maths In Maths, we will be learning about numbers and their place value up to 1,000. We will use concrete materials and pictorial methods to represent them. We will also compare and order numbers up to 1000 and will find 100 more/less than any given number. We will then move on to the addition and subtraction of 3-digit numbers using the column method.	English In English, we will be reading and exploring The Iron Man, written by Ted Hughes. Through reading this text, we will explore key themes about plot, character development and emotional response. We will respond to the text creatively through discussion, drama and storytelling and will write our own threat narratives linked to the book.	RE In RE, we will be learning about Harvest and how the Harvest festival is celebrated to give thanks to God for the gift of Harvest. We will look at how different communities celebrate Harvest and reflect on our own experiences.
History In history, we will be learning about Ancient Egypt. We will find out what archaeologists have discovered about Egypt and how the Ancient Egyptians lived.	Geography In geography, we will explore what Rivers are and their key features, such as the source, mouth, and tributaries. We will learn about the journey of a river from source to mouth, identifying important river features.	Science In science, we will be learning all about the Human Body. We will learn about different systems within our bodies including the muscular, skeletal, digestive and nervous system and how they work.
PE In PE, we will be practising our netball skills, looking at our throwing techniques and how we can defend.	PHSE In PHSE, we will be thinking about 'How to Let Love In'. We will think about the kind words or actions shown to us and allow this to strengthen our hearts.	Music We will begin singing lessons led by the Liverpool Cathedral Schools Singing Programme.
MFL We will build on our core vocabulary in French and discuss 'Les Instruments' in French. By the end of the unit, they will not only have learnt the words for 10 instruments in French but also how to say they play a particular instrument in French.	Computing In Computing, we will be learning about Branching Databases and efficient ways to organise different types of data. We will also be focussing on how to keep personal information safe online as part of our e-safety learning.	DT We will have designated DT days throughout the year taught by our DT specialist Mrs O'Donnell.

Autumn 1 Spellings

Year 3 - Home/School Spellings - Autumn 1

Below our home spellings for this half term, each week has a specific spelling focus. Spelling tests will be on a Friday. The children will also be quizzed on their times tables each Friday.

	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
WC	8 th Sept	15 th Sept	22 nd Sept	29 th Sept	6 th Oct	13 th Oct
Focus	Suffixes from Y2	Prefixes and contraction words	Y3 Common Exception Words (CEWs)	Words with an 'ei/ai' sound	Y3 CEWs	Homophones
	1. walking 2. walked 3. baked 4. baking 5. hopes 6. hoped 7. smiling 8. liked 9. liking 10. searched	1. unhappy 2. dislike 3. unwell 4. disobey 5. can't 6. don't 7. doesn't 8. I'll (I will) 9. unusual 10. disappear	1. accident 2. answer 3. appear 4. arrive 5. bicycle 6. breath 7. breathe 8. breathable 9. building 10. breathing	1. made 2. brave 3. plain 4. stain 5. play 6. say 7. again 8. straight 9. Wednesday 10. Thursday	1. breath 2. breathe 3. build 4. busy 5. business 6. caught 7. circle 8. complete 9. accidental 10. appeared	1. son 2. sun 3. eight 4. ate 5. weight 6. wait 7. grate 8. great 9. break 10. brake
Times table focus	X2	X2	X3	X3	X5	X2/3/5

During week 8 (WC 20th Oct) there will be a review week where the children will be tested on any of the spellings, they have been learning throughout the half term. The children will be tested on Thursday 23rd Oct.