

Year 3 Curriculum Overview

Autumn 1 2026

Home Learning will be given out on *Thursdays* and returned on *Tuesdays* through Atom Learning. PE is on *Wednesdays* and *Thursdays*.

English

Text: This first term, the children's learning will come from the book 'No.1 Car Spotter' by Atinuke. The children will write setting descriptions and diary entries based on the book.

Reading: The children will continue reading the book, 'No.1 Car Spotter' in their reading lessons. The Year 3's reading lessons will follow the 'Destination Reader' programme. As part of this, the children will focus on particular reading skills each week. They will begin with the skills, 'retrieval,' 'summarising' and 'predicting.' The children will also complete unseen comprehensions on a weekly basis.

Grammar and punctuation: This half term, the children will be consolidating their grammar and punctuation learning from Year 2. This includes using subordinating and co-ordinating conjunctions to join clauses together and using apostrophes to show a missing letter or possession.

Maths

Place value: This half term, the children will be looking at the place value in numbers to 1000. This will include representing numbers on a number line, partitioning numbers and comparing and ordering numbers.

Addition and subtraction: In this topic, the children will build up to adding and subtracting 2 and 3 digit numbers. This will include adding and subtracting both with and without exchanging.

Multiplication: The children will practise multiplying and dividing by 3, 4 and 8 using their multiplication tables. They will also consolidate their learning of times tables from Year 2.

Other subjects

R.E.- What makes us human?

Wellbeing - Keeping and Staying Safe and Computer Safety

Computing - Email

Art - Growing Artists

PE - Gym

Music - Ancient World/ Time

Science- Light

In this unit of learning, the children will investigate light. They will identify a range of light sources. The children will learn about reflective surfaces and will be able to select the most effective reflective material for a purpose. They will learn about mirrors and understand why mirrors are good reflectors. They will also gain an understanding about how mirrors work. Finally, the children will learn about sun safety and shadows.

Key vocabulary: light, source, dark, reflect, visible, mirror, rays

Geography – Why do people live near volcanoes?

In this topic, the children will learn about the Earth's layers. They will explore how mountains are formed, as well as looking at why volcanoes form and the impact they have on people who live close to them.

Key vocabulary active volcano, epicentre, inner core, outer core, magma chamber, mantle, plate, boundary, seismic waves, tectonic plate

Reminders, trips etc.

Please make sure your child is reading their banded book each night at home and that their reading record is signed each day.