

General Information and Reminders

Top ways to help at home

We have carefully thought about some key areas of the curriculum that can be supported at home. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to get in touch.

- Being secure in the times tables your child learned in Year Two (2, 5, and 10) will benefit them greatly in their maths work in Year Three and beyond. You can use games, songs, and Times Tables Rockstars — which I will be giving each child a login for — to help ensure they can recall these times table facts instantly.

- Encouraging your child to read aloud to you as often as possible will help them access all areas of the curriculum and give you a better understanding of their strengths and areas for improvement. As they read, asking them questions about the text will further develop their understanding of what they have read and improve their comprehension skills.

PE

Please ensure that your child has the correct PE uniform in school every day:

blue shorts/tracksuit trousers, a grey t shirt, plimsolls or a change of trainers for outside



Please ensure all clothes and shoes are clearly labelled with your child's name.

PE in Year 3 is taught by Mr Spadaccini. The children will also be going to Hampstead Heath for some PE sessions. This is a reasonable walk from school so please ensure that children do have tracksuit trousers, trainers and waterproof coats.



Trips

Buckingham Palace - 1st October
London Eye - 7th October

Homework

Homework will be sent home on Thursdays and is due back the following Tuesday.

Spellings and mental maths will be sent home on *Thursday* and tested on Monday or *Tuesday*.

Homework will cover a range of tasks and subjects over the term.

In addition, children will be expected to read regularly and learn weekly spellings and mental maths.

If you feel that your child has spent sufficient time on his/her homework but has not finished the work set that is fine. We all work at different levels, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on Friday 28th November. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!



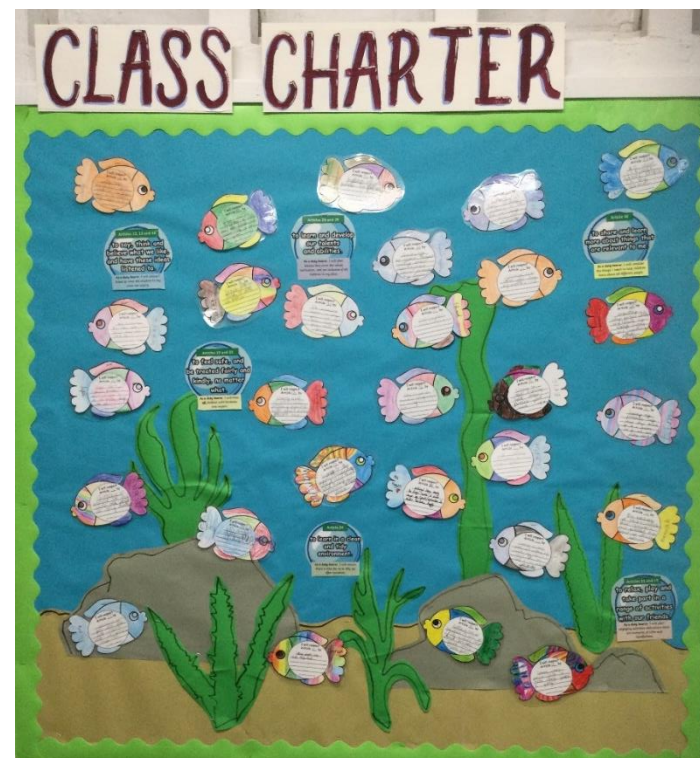
Reminders

- Please ensure all school clothes are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please phone/email the school office on the first day of absence and keep us updated on any further days of absence.
- Your child has been given a Christ Church water bottle. Please make sure your child's water bottle is in school every day.
- Please do not send sweets or any food/non-food items into school to celebrate birthdays, we are unable to hand these out to the other children in the class. Thank you.



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Welcome to Year 3

Autumn Term 2025



Year Three

Class Teacher: Jim Warren

Other adults working with Y3: Mrs Maguire (TA), Mr Oliver (Music), Mr Spadaccini (PE), Miss Miller (Computing)

Welcome to Year 3 and to a new and exciting school year.

We hope you all had a wonderful summer. This letter outlines our class topics, trips and general information for this term. All the staff in Year 3 are very much looking forward to working with you and your child this year. If you have any worries or concerns, or would like further information about this term's curriculum, please do not hesitate to book an appointment to discuss these with me.

Kind regards, Mr Warren

Christ Church Happiness Project

This term we are excited to be focusing on our whole school **Happiness Project!** Each week, the whole school will focus on one of ten themes teaching about skills and strategies to help everyone maintain positive mental well-being, alongside knowing when and how to seek extra help. Look out for information about how families can get involved and support at home!



English



English will be taught through the genres of narrative, poetry and recount. We will work on a range of spelling, punctuation, grammar and reading skills and complete a number of extended pieces of descriptive writing. Many of our lessons this half term will focus on the books by author/illustrator Anthony Browne.

Maths



Topics:	Key Learning:
Place Value	We will recap numbers to 100 before moving on to partitioning, representing and rounding numbers to 1000.
Addition and Subtraction	Adding and subtracting 2- and 3-digit numbers across 100, and recognising inverse operations.
Multiplication and Division	Revisiting the 2-times tables and learning the 3, 4, and 8 times tables, including division facts and solving problems.

Computing



We will be building our coding skills by using Rodocodo this term. We will learn about online safety through opportunities to carry out research and use different programs to publish some of our work.

RE



Two Big Questions will be learnt about this term:

What is the Bible's Big Story?

- Thinking about the core concepts of the Bible and how these influence Christians today.

How does the season of Advent and the feast of the Epiphany point towards the true meaning of Christmas?

- Understanding the core concept 'incarnation', thinking about prophecies, and understanding how Christians prepare for Christmas.

History



Our class topic for this term is Ancient Egypt. We will be learning about the uses of the River Nile, gods and goddesses, Tutankhamun and lots more! We will be building upon our skills in history using a range of primary and secondary sources.

Geography



In Geography this term, we will be investigating human and physical geography of the South East region of the UK (including London). We will think about topics like cliff erosion and the uses of the River Thames. We will be developing our fieldwork skills through the use of maps, databases and observational sketches.

PSHE



PSHE weeks (linked to our Happiness Project) will take place on the weeks commencing 13th October and 17th November 2025. We will be learning about positive relationships and friendships. We will also learn about diversity and celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day.

PE



In PE lessons, we will be practising ball skills in basketball: handling and passing, dribbling, shooting and defending. We will also be learning about netball including pivoting and passing as well as game play.

Music



I've Been To Harlem / Popocatepetl - The children will learn a traditional, pentatonic song about travelling around the world, full of creative possibilities. They will use it to invent rhythm games using cups, explore pentatonic melodies from around the world, sing as a round, and compose ostinato accompaniments. They will also learn a song about the famous Mexican Volcano, Popocatepetl, which they will sing a three-part round.

Art



In art, we will be linking our work to our topic on Ancient Egypt; we will be using mono-printing to replicate Egyptian art and create 3D relief sculptures of Egyptian masks. We will also be creating a piece of work for our arts project based on the themes of the Happiness Project.

Design Technology

This term, design and technology will focus on the use of pneumatics and levers to create movement. We will research real world uses of pneumatics and produce 3D Christmas cards with moving parts.

French



After half term, Year 3 will be building on last year's introduction to French, by beginning to write some of the vocabulary and phrases learnt last year. This term's topics will include colours, numbers and introductions.

Please see the reverse for general reminders and some key dates!