

General Information and Reminders

Top tips for supporting at home this term:

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

-Practise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables. These are essential for so many areas of maths, so being able to recall them automatically is really important. I will be handing out Times Tables Rock Stars login details, which provide a fun way to practise and focus on the multiplication facts that each child finds trickiest.

-This year, we will be working on addition and subtraction with numbers up to 1,000. Making sure your child is secure with these skills up to 100 will put them in a really good position. Practising could be as simple as writing some questions on a piece of paper. Children can use blocks or counters for support, particularly when bridging across a multiple of ten.

-Encouraging your child to read aloud to you as often as possible will help them access all areas of the curriculum. It will also 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 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.



Trips and key dates for this term

Wednesday 16th September, 9:15am: Year 3 trip to Buckingham Palace

Thursday 26th November, 3.20pm: whole school Art Exhibition

Wednesday 16th December, 2pm KS2 Carol singing

Please also see dates in school newsletters

Class assembly

Our class assembly this term will take place on **Wednesday 18th November** at 10am. All parents, carers and family members are warmly invited!

Homework

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

Spellings were sent home during the first week and tested on 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.

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 and speeds, so ensure your child achieves what is appropriate for his/her ability.



Reminders



- Please ensure all school clothes/coats are named to prevent items getting lost.
- If your child is absent from school, please 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

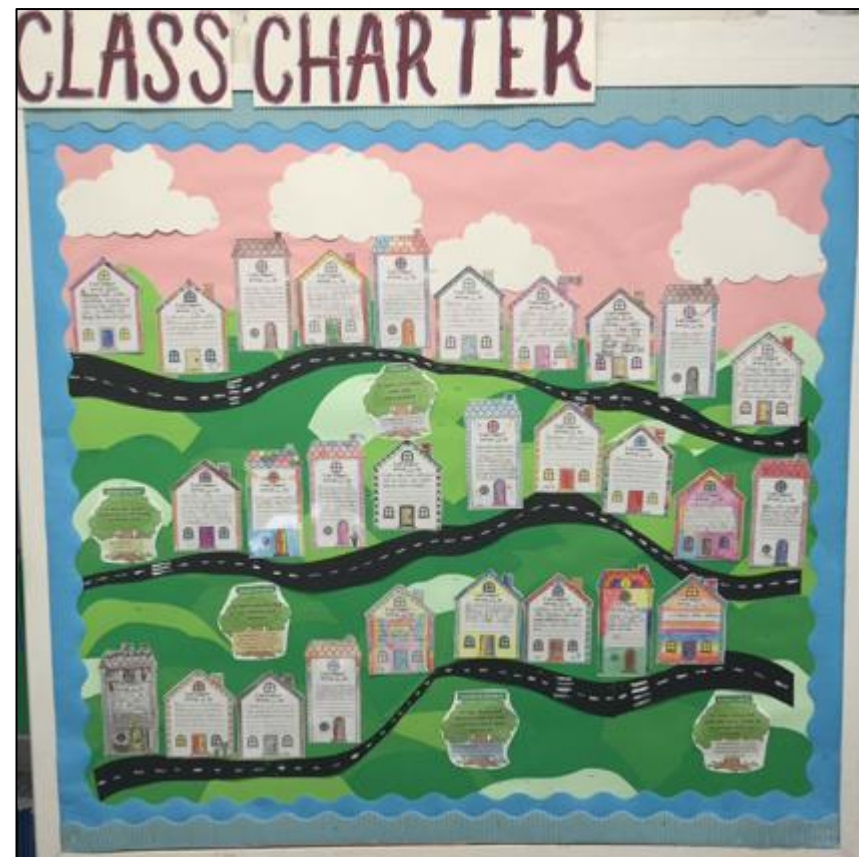
water bottle is in school every day.

- 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.



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Welcome to Year 3

Autumn Term 2026



Year Three

Class Teacher: Mr Warren

Other teachers working with Year 3: Mr Spadaccini (PE), Mr Oliver (Music), Ms Miller (Computing), Ms Dias (French)

Our whole team of excellent teaching assistants work in classes and playgrounds across the school.

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

I 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 meet with me.

Remember the school day starts at 8.50am when the bell rings in the playground - please make it a new school year resolution to help your child to be on time every day!

Kind regards, Mr Warren

'Try Something New' week!



Look out for 'Try something new' week between 12th - 16th October! Year 6 will be trying lots of new things during the week at their residential trip to a PGL activity centre in Dorset while all the other classes will be trying lots of new activities at school and on local trips.

We know that trying new activities helps to keep us interested and curious which helps our well-being and positive mental health. We use the week to talk to children about how they feel before and after trying something new and to help children to build resilience and overcome any anxiety about new activities. Look out for curling, kayaking and bread-making!



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 Satoshi Kitamura.

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, 3, 5 and 10 times tables and learning the 4, 6 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.



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 week will take place in the week commencing 9th November and will focus on positive relationships and friendships as well as celebrating differences. There will also be a whole school Anti-Bullying Day. In year 3 we will be learning about what makes a good friendship and who the responsible adults in our life are. We will also learn about diversity, what makes us unique and the protected characteristics of the Equality Act.

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 - Our musicians will learn a traditional pentatonic song about travelling around the world, full of creative possibilities. Use it to invent cup rhythm games, 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 in a three-part round.

Art



We will be learning about different artists this term, such as Henri Matisse. We will create artist studies about them in our sketchbooks and use their work as inspiration for our own artwork. We will also link our work to our topic on Ancient Egypt by creating death masks. We will focus on the design process and create a 3D relief using layers of cardboard.

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



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!