

CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER



Y3

AUTUMN 2026

Welcome to Year 3

We are delighted to welcome your child for their first year at our school. Each class is named after an African country. We have several teaching assistants who work across the three classes throughout the week. We look forward to welcoming you to our class assemblies throughout the year, that start at 9:05am.

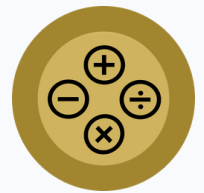
In English

In English, we will write for a range of different purposes, including setting descriptions, narratives, posters, non-chronological reports and poems. Writing will be taught through high-quality picture books, including *Mini Rabbit Not Lost*, *The Koala Who Could* and *The Squirrels Who Squabbled*.



In Maths

We will build fluency through recognising place value, counting forwards and backwards, estimation, rounding and measurement, as well as developing mental fluency and written addition and subtraction skills. We will also focus on consolidating our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.



In Guided Reading

Children will have regular reading lessons that focus on a particular VIPERS skill, helping them to develop their comprehension skills and answer questions about the text with greater confidence.



Key Dates

- 12-25 Sept - Assessment Week & Times Table Check
- 6 Nov - Gambia Class Assembly
- 16 - 20 Nov - Times table check
- 14 Dec - Christmas Production at St Peters

In Science

We will begin by looking at Scientific Enquiry, where we will develop our skills in investigation, making careful observations and carrying out fair tests through a range of experiments. In Autumn 2, we will explore Light, focusing on how shadows are formed and the different sources of light.



In History

We will be finding out who Thomas Coram was and discovering why our school was named after him. We will also learn about the history behind our house names: Mandela, Pankhurst, Malala and Luther King. Then, we will study the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age.



In Geography

We will be studying volcanoes and earthquakes during the Autumn term, focusing on how they are formed and the effects they can have on the landscape and its inhabitants.



In RE

We will be covering two areas of Christianity: what Christians learn from the Creation story, using the 'Big Frieze' to support our understanding and why the Trinity is important to Christians and how this relates to Baptism.



In PSHE

We will cover Protective Behaviours alongside e-safety, rules and responsibility, friendship, healthy relationships and understanding our emotions.



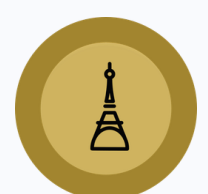
In Music

We will be learning how to combine rhythm and pitch notation to create simple melodies. We will also be singing, composing and performing through the Year 3 Christmas production, using voice and drama.



In French

Children will learn how to count, say their name and what the different colours are in French.



In Art

Children will be designing and creating a sculpture. They will take rubbings, sketches and photographs of interesting patterns, lines and images to inspire their sculpture designs.



In Technology

Our DT topic this term is 'Sandwich Snacks'. Children will explore what ingredients make a healthy sandwich before designing, making and evaluating their own product.



In Computing

Children will learn how to touch type and use word processing to build digital literacy. They will also be sequencing sound through using 'Scratch' programming.



In PE

Teacher-led PE lessons will focus on ball skills and dodgeball. Miss Minter will lead gymnastics and hockey. During these lessons, the children will develop a range of skills, build on what they already know and strengthen their teamwork skills.



In Forest School

This term we will be collecting natural materials to make sun-catchers, whittling and stick skinning and preparing firewood. We will also observe fire safety and toast some food.



[For more information about our adventurous curriculum, please visit our curriculum pages on our website.](#)



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