



Year 3 Newsletter Autumn Term 2026

Welcome to Year 3 with Mr Pryce

Topic

We are starting English with *The Colour Monster* by Anna Llenas, exploring different emotions and using powerful vocabulary to describe them. Next, we'll dive into *Jim, A Cautionary Tale* by Hilaire Belloc, using drama, posters and creative writing to inspire the children's own narrative stories.

The Year 3 topic this term is the United Kingdom. The children will build on what they already know about the UK, exploring its countries, capitals, landmarks, and key features in more detail. They will also use maps, atlases, and globes to strengthen their understanding of place.

Geography

Handwriting

We are encouraging children to remember the essentials of good handwriting: correct seating, steady pencil grip, writing on the line, and leaving finger spaces. With these habits in place, the next stage is developing joined-up writing so that children can write more quickly and smoothly.

Maths

This term we will focus on place value and number work, building towards using the four operations: addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. We will also develop problem-solving skills, especially with word problems. At home, please support your child by practising telling the time on an analogue clock and revising the 2, 3, 4, 5- and 10-times tables.

Science



In Science the class will be identifying, grouping and classifying rocks and minerals. We will be looking at the processes involved in creating rocks and also fossils. We will then move onto learning about magnets and the forces involved in magnetism.

Computing

We will be learning about digital devices, computing systems and networks.



Notices

Spellings are set on Fridays and revisited the next Friday through games, activities, and Emile login. A Maths or Comprehension task is also set on Friday, due Tuesday. Please support your child with daily reading and sign their journal. Swimming is on Wednesday – please ensure they bring their full swimming kit. Thank you for your continued support. We are looking forward to an exciting and productive term in Year 3!