

Year 3 Curriculum Letter – Spring 1 2025



Dear Parents / Carers,

Happy New Year!

We are looking forward to another great half term!

This half term includes the following academy events and deeper days:

- 14th and 15th January: Parent Consultations
- 16th January: Tea and Talk: Reception: How we teach Maths and how to help your child at home
- 21st January: Tea and Talk: Year 6 SATs
- 5th February: Children's Mental Health Week
- 10th February: Tea and Talk: Safer Internet Day
- 11th February: Safer Internet Day

<p>Core learning</p>	<p>In writing we will be writing about the Mayans, Guatemala, volcanoes and earthquakes. We will be writing for different audiences and purposes including stories and diary entries.</p> <p>In whole class reading we will be looking at some of the following texts</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Extreme weather • 12 dancing princesses • Hansel and Gretel <p>Each week we have a reading for enjoyment session where children can share their recommended reads please encourage children to bring books in to read during these sessions. This half term it will be Coral class who visit the library on a Monday.</p> <p>In maths we will be covering the following areas</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 10x and 100x greater or less than • multiplication and division • time. <p>Each week we engage in TTRS daily.</p>
<p>Skills</p>	<p>In skills lessons we will be engaging in lessons linked to the following areas: Computing: Digital Literacy French: I am Learning Music: Let Your Spirit Fly</p>
<p>Connected curriculum</p>	<p>Our focus unit this half term is called 'Would you like to visit Guatemala?' this is a geography-based unit with connections across the curriculum. This covers the following areas:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can describe similarities and differences between countries.

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can plan a fair test • I can compare how things move on different surfaces • I can design with purpose. • I can select appropriate joining techniques.
Faith, Health and Wellbeing	<p>Develop your Learning and Life Skills at home by practicing the 'I can' statements:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I can identify different parts to a task • I can set simple goals for myself <p>During Faith and well-being lessons we will be learning about why the bible is important to Christians and why and how people pray, appropriate reactions to situations, positive relationships, the importance of tolerance and mental health awareness week.</p>

Homework

Your child will bring home a homework book that includes the overview, knowledge organiser and spellings. A copy of the overview will be sent to your MCAS account.



Phonics



As a reading first school, we promote daily reading. Your child will bring home an Accelerated Reader book and will use the online quizzes to support comprehension.



We also support children in their number recall and multiplication facts. Your child will have a log in for TTRockstars and we encourage daily practice for at least 6 minutes a day.

PE day and PE Kit

Our PE day is on a Thursday. Please ensure that your child comes to school dressed in the correct PE uniform and with earrings removed or covered. Variations to PE uniform will be challenged including footwear.

Labelled belongings

Please remember to label items including lunch boxes and bags (locker size – small). Children are to bring refillable drink bottles each day, metal bottles are discouraged.

**Please note our children have produced a healthy snack policy. Please refer to it to guide 'snacks' for breaktime.*

We are excited to see what the next half term will bring!

Year 3 Team.

Mrs Rosso, Mrs Bush, Miss Carey and Mrs Powell