



Class Newsletter: Autumn 2025

Mercury

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3! We hope you have had a lovely summer break. Now we've almost a whole week under our belts, the children have settled brilliantly and we couldn't have asked for a more positive start to year 3!

Mrs Pretlove will teach the class on Mondays as well as Mrs Milson popping in to teach French. Mrs Gaule will teach on Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. Miss Forrester and Miss Preen are our teaching assistants each day. Please feel free to message either of us on our respective days if you have anything to let us know. Just like last year, please do share with us anything your child achieves out of school as we enjoy learning how amazing they are out of school as well! We also love to celebrate these achievements with the rest of the school.

Please note that we ask that you send a message *via the school office* if there is a last minute change to who is collecting your child on a particular day, due to traffic or unexpected circumstances. We will not release children to other parents or to unfamiliar people, without the express permission of the child's parent via the office.

It is important that your child has their reading record in school every day. The children all have a reading book now and we would like them to read to an adult or older sibling at least 4 times a week. This will continue to build the fluency they developed in year 2 and to prepare them for our daily reading skill lessons in key stage 2. There will be rewards and certificates for all our bookworms who read regularly at home!



We will send out times tables homework this Monday with the expectation that it is completed and returned next Monday. Spellings will also be sent as homework, continuing the spelling lists the children are familiar with from year 2. Some children, who have completed these lists, will work on year 3 / 4 common exception spellings.

Curriculum:

In Maths, we will spend most of the first term looking at place value and learning about the value of numbers up to 1,000, finding different ways to represent, partition, compare and order these numbers.

'Through kindness, teamwork and determination we thrive'

In English, we will be exploring the classic text 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes and using this as inspiration for narrative writing and explanation texts. We will also be immersing ourselves in the fable narrative 'Fox' by Margaret Wild, helping us to write our own fables and information texts. Our daily reading lessons will focus on The BFG story by Roald Dahl and extracts from other well-known texts.

In Science, we will be learning about different sources of light and how light travels. We are planning lots of investigative science and hopefully the sun will return for our learning about shadows!

Our wider curriculum this term will focus on Geography and Art. In Geography, we will be learning about Egypt, its location and the importance of the River Nile. In Art, the children will have an introduction to the Arts and Crafts movement, exploring the work of William Morris and learning to design and print in his signature style. If you have an old shirt your child could use as a messy cover-up, we would be very grateful.

Our PE days this term will be on a Wednesday and Thursday. Sometimes we may go outside if the weather allows so please ensure they have appropriate clothing for cooler weather. Our units are Fundamentals focusing on key skills linked to all movement and sports and Yoga.

We are quite sure we are going to have wonderful time in year 3! Please do let us know if you have any questions, queries or concerns and thank you for your support.

Yours sincerely

Mrs Gaule and Mrs Pretlove

