



February 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

We hope that you have had a restful half-term break.

Weekly overviews

Please do look at the **weekly overviews** which are uploaded onto ParentHub. These give you a brief outline of what we are covering in the different subjects each week so you can talk to your children about what they are learning at school and offer support where necessary.

Topics

Our history topic is **Persia and Greece**. In this unit, children will look at how the kingdom of Persia expanded to include kingdoms like Babylon and Medes; learn about the king of kings, Darius and how he controlled his many kingdoms, the many city-states of ancient Greece, life in Greece, their stories and culture and the Persian-Greco wars which culminate in victory for Greece in the battle of Salamis!

Our geography topic is **Agriculture**. In this unit, we will look at changing farming practices & impact on landscapes - arable and pastoral; study example of Wales (hill-sheep farming, Snowdonia and revisit mountains); explore changes to food consumption including trends re local & organic food; look at Haringey example: vegetarian and plant-based diets; businesses & local markets in London: consumerism, people getting meals to work etc. Idea of 'healthy shops'; and do local fieldwork investigating shops.

Animals Including Humans will be our science topic. We will learn about: How living things get their energy; What we need to eat; How much food is enough?; What bones are in the human body?; Are animal and human bones the same?; and How do animals move?

Sarah Crawford will be teaching Year 3 **Art** on a fortnightly basis.

PE

Mario Vitrano will be teaching each class **PE** once a fortnight. Other PE lessons will be taught by the class teachers. Please send your children to school dressed in suitable clothes on their PE days. These are as below:

	Week 1	Week 2
3O	Monday and Wednesday	Thursday and Friday
3R	Thursday and Friday	Tuesday and Thursday
3P	Tuesday and Friday	Monday and Tuesday
3B	Monday and Wednesday	Thursday and Friday

Reading

All children will take part in whole class reading lessons where the focus is on inference, understanding and using new vocabulary and using key features of information texts to find information.

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All children will either read in a small group or 1:1 with an adult at least once a fortnight. Those children that are still working towards the expected level will read with an adult at school once a week and receive a new reading book chosen by the teacher. Those children that are reading at or above the expected level will choose a new reading book every 2 weeks.

Children will be visiting the library with their class once a fortnight. They can also choose to go to the library at set times during lunch or break twice a week. They will be able to choose two books at each visit as long as they have brought back their old ones. One of these books will be a free choice so they may sometimes be books that you will need to read to them.

All children need to have their reading books with them at school every day, banded or a free choice book. There are independent reading times during the week where the children will need these either to read or use in sessions, or if they are reading to us. They also may like to bring in a book of their choosing from home.

We really want to stress the importance of **reading regularly with your child at home**, particularly for those on banded books. To make progress, children need to be reading on a daily basis as much as possible.

Healthy snacks & water bottles

We encourage children in the juniors to bring in a healthy snack to eat at the morning break. This can only be a piece of fruit, some chopped fruit or vegetables - NOT sugary cereal bars, crisps or biscuits. The children all need a named water bottle that they can access during the day. They can refill this at school but it will need to be cleaned at home. We ask that children only have plain water in their water bottles, not sugary flavoured water or juice.

Medical conditions & food allergies/intolerances

It is vital that we have accurate information about any medical conditions or food allergies/intolerances your child may have. Please report any changes to the school office.

Arriving at and leaving school

Registers are taken at 8:55am, therefore your child must be in the classroom ready for registration. If your child arrives after this time, they need to register in the office. Please ensure your child arrives on time; lateness is very unsettling for your child and the other children in the class.

The school gates will be locked at 9.00am; therefore, after drop off please make sure you leave the school grounds.

Dates for your diaries

Thursday 6th March – World Book Day

Friday 14th March – INSET day (school closed for all children).

Tuesday 18th March – Year 3 Classroom Visit. We look forward to welcoming you into the classroom from 8.50 to 9.10am.

Tuesday 1st April and Wednesday 2nd April – Parent meetings this term will be taking place between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. More details on this to follow.

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team