



January 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,

Happy New Year! We hope that you have had a restful holiday.

The Year 3 team

3R – Jamie Breuer (Year Team Leader)

3O – Soraya Collins

3P – Grace Ludlow

3B - Martin Heidensohn

Ta Woranuch, Louise Mattocks, Jessie Hood, Rika Manabe, Kristina Carey and DD Braman will be the Teaching Assistants supporting children in Year 3.

Curriculum

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 **Indus Valley**. In this unit, children will look at the Indus valley and compare it with ancient Egypt & Mesopotamia via rivers & settlements and via art of ancient civilisations.

Our geography topic is **Settlements**. In this unit, we will learn about different sizes of settlements, look at what facilities you would find in a hamlet, village and town, and then think about bigger types of settlements like cities and conurbations.

Light will be our science topic. We will learn about light sources, how light is reflected off objects, how shadows form, changing shadows and eye protection.

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	Wednesday 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.

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.

Spellings

The children will bring home spellings to learn each Monday in a spelling book to learn for a test the following Monday. We will have lessons in school to learn and practise these spellings, but it is also very helpful for them to practise them at home.

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.

Trips

As part of our Religion and World Views curriculum, we will be visiting Westminster Abbey

- Wednesday 25th February - **3R** and **3B**
- Thursday 26th February – **3P** and **3O**

Dates for your diaries:

Thursday 22nd January: Sibling photos

Friday 30th January: INSET day (school is closed for all children)

Yours sincerely,

The Year 3 Team

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