

Year 3

Curriculum Letter Autumn Term 2025

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to Year 3 and a new, exciting and busy term. We hope everyone had an enjoyable summer holiday and are ready to take on the new challenges of the coming year.

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Our topic this half term is Italy, focusing on volcanoes and exploring the human and physical features of Italy whilst comparing the features to our town, Harlow. In **English** we will be looking at non-chronological reports, where children will be researching and writing about their favourite animals. We will also be writing setting descriptions and exploring Haiku poems. We will be reading the book 'The Hodgeheg' in our **Guided Reading** lessons.

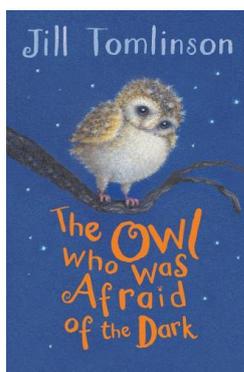


In **Maths** we are focusing on place value, addition, and subtraction as well as learning to quickly recall our 3 times tables. We will also be revising telling the time and names and properties of 2D and 3D Shapes.

In **Geography** we will be learning about Italy and volcanoes and in **Science** we will become geologists and explore rocks and soils, linking this to our volcano topic. Our **Art** will be focused on Roman mosaics (like those discovered in Pompeii) and the children will have a chance to create their own.

In **PSHE** we will be looking at "Being Me in My World" which allows the children to explore the qualities of a good friend and think about ways to resolve conflict. In **Music** we will be looking at body percussion and songs.

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In **English** this half term we will be reading 'The Owl who was Afraid of the Dark'. We will be looking at narratives based on guided voyages and recount writing. In **Maths** we are going to be learning to use the inverse, recall 4x table facts and missing number problems. We will continue to revise time and the names and properties of 2D and 3D shapes. In **Science** we will be exploring physics and looking at magnets and springs. Our **History** topic this half term is the Stone Age, Iron Age and Bronze Age.



We will become archaeologists and learn about how historians find out about the past, as well as learning about what life was like living in these early civilisations. Our **Design and Technology** project this half term will be a constructing a pop up Christmas card. In **PSHE** we will be "Celebrating differences" where children will explore how people are different and how to celebrate and be respectful of those



differences. In **Music** we will be looking at different kinds of boat songs, and how these sound different but tell similar stories.

Our PE days are Tuesday and Thursdays. Every child is expected to have a kit, with plimsolls or trainers, in school every day. Please ensure earrings are removed, or they wear the small plastic studs if newly pierced, as we cannot help the children with earrings. Please also include a warm jumper/joggers for cold weather – we will be going outside whatever the weather!

To support your children at home, we ask that you listen to them read, practise the weekly spellings set and complete tasks on TT Rockstars. We will be doing weekly spellings on a **Monday**.

We are looking forward to working in partnership with you throughout the year, we are always available at the end of every day so please talk to us if you have any concerns or contact us on ClassDojo.

We look forward to a fantastic first term with you all!

Mrs Duncan, Mrs Rose and the Year 3 team