



Dear families,

Welcome to spring term in Year 3. We have an exciting term ahead!

The adults supporting your children in class are as follows:

3G: Mr Gilbert, Mrs Waller and Mrs Mrs Kodatham

3JM: Mrs Ferrari (Monday and Tuesday), Mrs Jowers (Wednesday to Friday), Mrs Dothie and Mrs Kodatham (some afternoons)

P.E. days are **Tuesday** and **Wednesday**. Please send your children into school in their P.E. kit on these days. Please see 'Trips and Events' below for what to wear on **Thursday** – Forest School, which will continue on alternate weeks for both classes (separate letter to be sent with dates allocated to your class).

Note – P.E. kit includes: house coloured **tee-shirt** and black or navy-blue **shorts underneath** a black or navy-blue **tracksuit bottoms or leggings**, usual school jumper, plus **trainers** that are suitable for outdoor PE. During the Spring Term, please send in **spare socks and shoes** on PE days, as children can be on the field, which is often wet.

Read on below to find out what your children will be learning this term.

English

This term we shall write a portal story, based on 'Door in the Mountain'. Our focus for this story will be learning how to write dialogue. Our non-fiction unit will be writing a persuasive brochure. The final piece of writing will be related to the 'Whole School' writing project, which is yet to be decided.

Maths

During the spring term, our main units will include multiplication, division, mass and capacity, length, perimeter and we'll also begin fractions. During the term, we shall continue to recap addition and subtraction strategies and practise the 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times-tables. Please encourage your child to use the Times Tables Rock Stars (TTRS) resource to support this.

Science

Our first unit in science is 'Forces and Magnetism'. During the second part of the term, our science unit will be 'Plants'. We aim to do lots of practical experiments and investigations throughout the year and will definitely work in the school garden!

Other subjects

Art –We shall research examples of Henri Rousseau and finally create our own Rainforest painting and collage pictures, focusing on colours, tone and textures.

Computing – This term children will complete two units: Programming and Sequencing Sounds, followed by Data & Information - Branching Databases

Design Technology –Textiles: 2D shape to 3D product – we are making our own pencil cases to use in the classroom. Along the way, we'll practise different stitches and possibly make a bookmark too.

French –This term children will complete two units: Seasons followed by Fruit.

Music – We teach from the Essex Charanga scheme and children will learn to compose using their imagination.

Physical Education – Some of our P.E. is taught by students from the VI Form College, supervised by Mr Grimsby, who are training to be coaches. They will teach a variety of games using ball skills and focusing on fitness, while class teachers shall teach multi-skills and gymnastics.

P.S.H.E – ‘Dreams and Goals’ and ‘Healthy Me’ – these units will be taught during lessons and some assemblies.

Religious Education – our unit this term is ‘What is Philosophy? How do people make moral decisions?’ The religions/beliefs that we shall focus on will be: Christian and Humanist

Topic – ‘Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes’ is our main topic throughout the first half of the spring term. After the half term break, we shall focus on Biomes, Climate Zones and our country focus will be Brazil. Both units are related to geography.

Trips and events

Forest School – **alternate Friday afternoons for each class (separate letter to be sent out informing you of dates)** we work in the Forest School Area. This will include crafts, use of tools, exploratory play and focused sessions. **It definitely includes mud and getting dirty!**

What to wear: long sleeved tee-shirt, black or navy-blue tracksuit bottoms/leggings. Bring in a **waterproof coat/jacket** (preferably with a hood) rain or shine (it is chilly under the trees even when it is sunny), **a change of footwear** (preferably wellies or an old pair of trainers you don't mind getting muddy) and extra socks for warmth. Gloves, hats and scarves are also recommended this term. **Optional:** waterproof trousers or dungarees, for very wet days!

Trips and Events:

We shall be visiting **Layer Marney Tower** during the first week back, on **Thursday 8th January 2026**, which finishes off our history learning from the Autumn term about Stone Age to Iron Age.

We have organised a **Geology Day** which will take place at school on **Wednesday 25th February 2026**, to reinforce our science topic from last term (Soil, Rocks and Fossils) and our Spring 1 topic (Mountains, Volcanoes and Earthquakes). **If you are interested in helping, please let the office know as DBS checks will need to be done for those who don't have one.**