



Dear families,

Welcome to summer 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 Goody

**3FJ:** Mrs Betts, Mrs Jowers, Mrs Dothie and Mrs Kodatham

**P.E. days are:**

**3FJ - Monday and alternate Tuesday and Wednesday..**

**3G – Alternate Tuesday and Wednesday and Friday.**

Please send your children into school in their P.E. kit on ALL the days, relevant to their class. Children will do 2 out of the 3 sessions each week.

**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 Summer Term, please send in **spare socks and shoes** on PE days, as children can be on the field, which is often wet.

Forest School - Alternate **Thursdays** – Forest School, will continue on alternate weeks for both classes (separate letter has been sent with dates allocated to your child's class).

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

### **English**

We shall begin the summer term writing an suspense story. We will also write a newspaper article and action story in Summer term 2.

### **Reading**

Our whole class reading books shall be 'The Last Bear' by Hannah Gold and 'Charlotte's Web' by E. B. White.

### **Maths**

During the summer term, our main units will include fractions, measurement, money, time and shape. 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 'Light'. During the second part of the term, our science unit will be 'Animals including Humans: Nutrition'. We aim to do lots of practical experiments and investigations throughout the term.

## Other subjects

**Art** – We have two units this summer Mosaic, which is linked to our Topic ‘Roman Colchester’ and Batik, which we will link to our Topic ‘Egypt’ and look at designs used in this country.

**Computing** – We shall have two units this term: stock-frame animation and continuing programming.

**French** – Our units this term are ‘musical instruments’ and ‘ice-cream flavours’.

**Music** – Our music unit this term is called ‘Enjoying Improvisation’ and will focus on a combination of singing, playing recorder, composing, improvisation and performing.

**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 including cricket and rounders, while class teachers shall focus on athletics, ready for Sports Day and dance.

**P.S.H.E** – Our units this term are ‘Relationships’ and ‘Changing Me’ – these units will be taught during lessons and some assemblies.

**Religious Education** – Our two units during the summer term focus on the Muslim religion.

**Topic** – ‘Roman Colchester’ (history) and ‘Four-Grid referencing’ (geography) are our main topics throughout the first half of the summer term. After the half term break, we shall focus on Egypt (geography) as our country focus.

## Trips and events

**Forest School** – **alternate Thursday 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/**long trousers**. 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. **Optional:** waterproof trousers or dungarees, for very wet days!

**Trips** - We will go on a **local walk** as part of our Geography unit, this will take place during one of the Forest School sessions for your child’s class. We have organised a trip to **Colchester Castle** on Friday 26<sup>th</sup> June 2026, which is related to our History topic.