



YEAR GROUP 3 SPRING TERM 2024 CURRICULUM NEWSLETTER

Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you have enjoyed spending quality time together and the festivities of the winter break. We look forward to an exciting Spring term.

Maths	We will kickstart the term by looking at the perimeter and measurement of length. Then, we will learn more multiplication and division strategies using these to solve word problems. Towards the end of the term, we will look at finding fractions of amounts, practically using resources and division. In the second half term, we will continue to learn methods to solve written addition and subtraction and work on our mental strategies to solve calculations with growing confidence. We will continue to learn our 3, 4- and 8-times tables and will be tested on these at the end of each week.
English	To begin our term, we will look at the Dr Xargle's Book of Earth Hounds by Jeanne Willis & Tony Ross . Our focus for this unit will be writing letters, diary entries, and non-chronological reports using varied sentence types, ambitious vocabulary, fronted adverbials, and using various punctuation marks correctly and consistently. Our non-fiction text will be a non-chronological report based on a character from our narrative, which will be Hamlin, based on the tale of the Pied Piper.
Geography	In the first half of the term, we will be doing a unit around settlements in the U.K. We will look at the different areas of the U.K. and then focus on the wider world, comparing climates to plan where we would settle given a choice.
History	We will learn about the Ancient Egyptians in the second half of the term. During this unit, we will learn about mummification, hieroglyphs, the importance of the River Nile and some of their Gods. We will learn to identify Egypt on a map and say what the country was and is like now.
Science	In the first half of the term, children will be learning all about Forces and Magnets. They will learn about: how things move on different surfaces, how magnetic forces act, how magnets attract and repel and find magnetic objects. We will cover the water cycle in the second half term, recapping the three states of matter (solid, liquid and gas). We will learn about freezing, melting, evaporation and condensation using water linked to the water cycle.
Art	In Art, we will look at lines using different types of pencils to create different depths of line. We will use our Ancient Egyptian theme to develop realistic and accurate hieroglyphs and create landscape sketches of life around the River Nile. In the second half term, children are going to learn still-life drawing.
RE	In RE, we will read about a wide range of Easter and Bible stories to learn about various events in the life of Jesus. We will understand how these are

	important to the Christian faith and what messages come from them. This will be the topic for the whole of the Spring term.
Computing	Children will be learning Spreadsheets and Touch-typing units from Purple Mash.
P.E.	Children will be learning Dance and Gymnastics.
Music	In Music, the children will learn how to play the Ukulele from a music teacher. We will also have a music expert coming to the school each week to teach the whole school music lessons along with the class teacher.

P.E- Year 3 Birch is timetabled to do **P.E. on a Friday. Please be reminded that children must come to school wearing their P.E. uniform from home. It should be black shorts, a plain white T-shirt and plimsolls.**

PE Year 3 Elm will be going to swimming lessons on a Tuesday afternoon. They will need to bring a swimsuit/swim shorts and a towel. Swimming goggles and swimming hats are optional.

Uniform- Please ensure your child has the correct uniform and footwear. Earrings should be studs, and no jewellery should be worn unless faith-related.

Water- Children may bring a bottle of water each day and have access to the drinking fountain at all playtimes. If your child has a generic bottle, please write their name on the bottle somewhere.

Home Learning- Your child is expected to read daily at home. Please ensure that you listen to them read and sign their reading diary. Children will be set weekly spellings and will be tested on a Friday. A choice of homework will be set half-termly, and children should strive to complete as many activities as possible.

We look forward to viewing and celebrating their work.

If you have any questions, please feel free to come and speak to us at the end of the day.

Kind Regards,

Year 3 Team