

PE

Children in Year 3 will have PE on a Monday morning and a Thursday afternoon. Children will need to arrive in school wearing their school PE kit: White t-shirt, plain black or blue tracksuit bottoms or shorts and their school jumper.

Homework

Pupils have the following homework handed out on Thursday each week:

- Weekly spellings
- Reading (each night for at least 15 minutes. Sign reading records at least 3 times per week.)
- TT Rockstars (every day, on the app or on a computer)

Homework should be handed in by Monday each week. Spellings will be tested on Friday.

Year 3 Reading Challenge

 One choice book	The Abominables By Eva Ibbotson	The Iron Man By Ted Hughes	The chronicles of Narnia The Lion, the Witch and The Wardrobe By C.S.Lewis	Teacher recommends 
The boy who grew dragons By Andy Shepard	Escape Room Christopher Edge	 One choice book	The Girl who stole an Elephant By Nazama Farook	Little Badman By Humza Arshad and Henry White
Leon and the Place Between By Angela McCallister and Grahame Baker-Smith	Mr Ethridge Recommends 	Counting on Katherine By Helaine Becker	The Stone Age Hunters, gatherers and Wholly mammoths By Marcia Williams	 One choice book
The Us defeated By Kwame Alexander and Kadir Nelson	The Battle of Bubble and Squash By Philippa Pearce	Teacher recommends 	 One choice book	The Land of Roar Jenny Melachlan
Sam Wu is not afraid Kevin Tsang	 One choice book	Stig of the Dump Clive King	I bet I can Make you Laugh By Joshua Seigel	Gangsta Granny By David Williams

Bronze Award - 8 books

Silver Award - 15 books

Gold Award - 25 books

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Reading Challenge

Your child will be continuing their reading challenge and during this half term should aim towards their silver award. This will mean that they have read 15 age-appropriate texts over a variety of genres. We look forward to celebrating with the pupils as they achieve their challenges. Let's get reading!



'Growing Together in Newtown'
Lifelong Aspirations, Lifelong Prospects

Your child's learning in Year 3

Spring Term 2

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Reading

We will be reading 'The Abominables' - a fiction novel written by Eva Ibbotson. The Abominables is about a young explorer who is snatched by a gigantic, hairy monster and never seen again - Agatha Farlingham is kidnapped by a yet, but she soon discovers he is a brave and noble beast. During these sessions, we are exploring vocabulary and developing comprehension and retrieval skills. Your child will bring home a reading book each day. Please read with your child each night and sign their reading record book.



'Healthy Me'. In this unit children will be looking at how to keep safe and healthy. They will learn what to do to look after their bodies and how important it is to do so.

RE

This term pupils will be exploring the Trinity. Their key question is: 'What is the Trinity?'

Our Christian value for the term is 'Justice'.

Art

This half term we will be exploring 'Elements of Art'. We will be looking into two different elements of art: shape and tone. The children will be working with different materials to create shapes and sketches from their observations.



Writing

Throughout the beginning of Spring 2, we will be looking at a non-chronological report. Our model text will be 'The human skeleton.' After careful exploration, the children will be writing their own non-chronological reports.

The second text we will be exploring is 'Lord of the forest', which is a wishing tale.

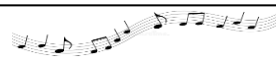
We will also have a focus on handwriting, joining correctly, writing with speed and spelling of key vocabulary.

It is important that pupils practise their spellings every week at home and continue to read daily.



Science

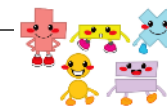
As scientists, we will be continuing the physics unit 'Light and Shadows'. The unit begins by looking at sources of light and whether those sources are natural or man-made. Pupils will then learn about what makes night and day, discovering that the sun does not move but the Earth rotates to create night and day. Developing their knowledge of sunlight, they then find out about the benefits and dangers of the sun and how to protect themselves from sun damage to the skin and eyes. Pupils move onto discovering how light from a source allows us to see objects – that light travels from the source to the object where it is then reflected back to our eyes. Pupils will learn about the terms transparent, translucent and opaque – investigating a range of materials and categorising them.



Music

As musicians, the children in Year 3 will be learning how to play the recorder. These sessions are taught by specialist teachers from the music service.

Maths



During Spring 2, your child will begin to dive into fractions. They will look at counting, comparing and equivalent fractions.

We will then move on to mass and capacity. The children will be exploring different units of measure such as grams, kilograms, millilitres, and litres.

To enable us to be fluent with times tables, we ask that you log in to TT Rockstars every day for at least 5 minutes.

More information about the maths curriculum in Year 3 can be found here:

<https://www.theschoolrun.com/year-3/year-3-maths>

Geography

In this term, we will be continuing to explore Europe and the significance of how Europe is made up. By the end of the unit, pupils will have a deeper understanding of the geography of Europe and be expected to answer the overarching enquiry questions which is 'What is significant about Europe? Where in the continent would you most like to visit and why?'

They will learn about geographical similarities and differences, comparing parts of Europe with our lives in Birmingham.

Computing

Computing will focus on an application called Scratch. The children will be learning how to make an animation, programme a game and use it to story-tell!