

## Year 3 - Curriculum Letter for Parents – January 2026



Dear Parents,

Welcome to back! We hope you had a great Christmas break and are looking forward to the term ahead. Our Geography topic in the Spring will be Extreme Earth, and the UK. The curriculum map attached gives an overview of some of the work we will be covering through these terms. Please also see below some extra key information about the day-to-day running of the class.

Below you will find information about the staffing of the class:

	<b>Morning</b>	<b>Afternoon</b>
<b>Monday</b>	Miss Warner, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Harris	Miss Warner and Mrs Ryan
<b>Tuesday</b>	Miss Warner, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Harris	Swimming with Mrs Pearce and Mrs Harris
<b>Wednesday</b>	Miss Warner, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Harris	Miss Warner
<b>Thursday</b>	Mrs Loly, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Harris	Mrs Loly and Mrs Ryan
<b>Friday</b>	Mrs Loly, Mrs Ryan, Mrs Harris	Mrs Loly

### Homework

**Spellings** - In Key Stage 2, we use Essential Spelling and Word Knowledge (from Oxford Owl), a spelling programme that enables children to understand the patterns in the English language using a combination of morphology, etymology and application of phonological rules. Spellings will be sent home weekly to practise and the children will be expected to use them in sentences dictated in class by the end of each week and apply them in all their writing.

**Times tables** - We expect children to be practising their times tables at home using ttrackstars.com. Y3 is a crucial year for times tables learning. Children are expected to already know multiplication and division facts for the 2, 5 and 10 times tables and, this year, to learn them for the 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Practice done at home will greatly support their learning in Maths. We check ttrackstars to ensure everyone is accessing it regularly.

**Reading** – It continues to be a priority that children read daily at home. At the beginning of the week your child will be given a book chosen by us. This book must be brought to and from school daily and is intended to be read aloud to an adult. Please keep it in their school bag all the time as they will be asked to read in school throughout the week. If it is a short book, it should be read three times, once for decoding, then to develop intonation and expression and finally to be able to answer questions to show understanding of what has been read. Please also remember how valuable it is for you to read regularly to your child. To support this, your child will choose a picture book from our library for you to read to them. If the book is returned by the following week, your child will be able to choose a new one.

### PE

Children come to school wearing their PE kit on Tuesdays for swimming and Wednesdays for Sport Coaching. They should wear plain dark coloured shorts/trousers/leggings, with their school PE tops and their school jumper. They should also wear trainers (tying own laces) and no jewellery on these days. If your child wears earrings they *must not* be worn on PE days. If ears have been pierced recently, a supply of plasters or micropore tape will be needed in school so that they can be covered. Children must be able to do this themselves. Long hair must be tied back at all times.

### **Water bottles and snacks**

Please can the children come to school every day with a named water bottle. We will encourage them to drink water throughout the day. In KS2, children no longer receive fruit/veg as a snack each day, so they will need to bring a health snack in with them instead. We are a **NUT FREE** school, which means that any snacks and lunches must not contain any nuts or seeds.

### **Talking to the teachers**

If you need to message us, class Dojo is a great way of contacting us and passing on messages. We are available at the end of the school day for a quick chat, if you are not able to do this please contact us through messages on class dojo. If you wish to have a more detailed conversation or speak with both of us it is best to make an appointment via the school office, any urgent messages should be passed through the school office.

We are looking forward to another engaging and exciting term!

Miss Warner, Mrs Loly, Mrs Ryan and Mrs Harris