

Year 3 2026 - 27

Autumn Term

Newsletter

Welcome to the juniors! The class teacher in Year 3 is Mr Warburton, and the Teaching Assistant is Mrs Hargreaves.

If you would like to speak to a member of the Year 3 Team, please do not hesitate to contact us by phone, or book an appointment through the office.

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Mathematics

At St. Anne's we follow Red Rose, a mastery approach to teaching and learning mathematics. This ensures the children have a secure understanding of the methods and processes involved and can apply their knowledge.

Over the autumn term we will cover:

- Place value, addition and subtraction.
- Length and perimeter.
- Statistics.
- Multiplication.
- Division.
- Time.
- 3-D shape.

To help your child at home, it is useful to practise number bonds (knowing which number pairs add to 10, 20 and 100), times tables (2, 5, 10 and 3).

English

At the beginning of the term, we will be focusing on narrative, based on the local folk tale The Lancashire Giant. The children will develop a rich and varied vocabulary for describing characters and settings and write their own story about a magical wish. We will move on to focus on biographical writing, exploring famous Lancastrians.

After Half Term, we will be moving on to study The Iron Man, with a focus on using more complex sentences and enriching vocabulary. Our next unit of work is writing persuasive letters, linked to our geography unit on living in volcanic regions. We will end the term with a themed poetry unit- all about Christmas!

Children read regularly in school and have Guided Reading, Spelling and Grammar session several times per week with spelling tests on Fridays.

Science

Through our science lessons children will have plenty of opportunities to carry out practical activities and investigations to develop their skills in working scientifically. This half term we will be studying light and shadow. This unit builds one work carried out in KS1 and develops understanding of light sources and how shadows are formed. Next half term, children will learn about forces, including investigating friction, and magnets, where we will learn about the different materials that are/are not magnetic, and the different poles of a magnet.

Computing

This half term we will be exploring computing systems and networks. The children will learn lots of new vocabulary as well as developing their understanding of how computer networks work. Later in the autumn term, we will be creating media. Throughout Computing lessons, we will be discussing e-safety and the importance of staying safe online.

Physical Education

During the first half- term Year 3 will be exploring fundamental movement skills, recapping skills developed in Year 2.

Next half term, children will have Gymnastics. Please ensure PE uniform is worn on Year 3 PE days.

Religious Education

At the beginning of this half term, we will be focusing on what Christians learn from the Creation story. We will be reading the story of creation and discussing how God was the creator. We will be thinking about how to look after our world whether you belong to the Christian faith or another faith. Later on in the half term we will be looking at what it is like for someone to follow God. We will be making links between promises in the story of Noah and promises that Christians make at a wedding.

P.S.H.E

In PSHE we will have opportunities for circle time and reflection as well as covering topics linked to the unit "Me and My Relationships". This involves looking at rules, how to be a good friend, and learning about different groups and communities we belong to before moving on to the unit "Valuing Differences", learning about respect and tolerance for others.

Ideas to help your child at home:

- Read at home with your child as often as possible. As well as school readers, children can read books you already have and bring them in to quiz on Accelerated Reader.
- If children read at home 3 times a week they will be a reading star, meaning they get a biscuit and 10 minutes extra playtime on a Friday.
- Practice 2, 3, 4, 5, 8 and 10 times tables. Interactive games such as hit the button can be a fun way to do this.
- Practice letter formation and joined handwriting.

Foundation Subjects

Our theme for this half term is "Our Local Area". We will be linking English lessons on the Lancashire Giant folk tale to local area studies in Geography and enjoying outdoor learning in our beautiful town and its surrounding countryside. Next half term our theme is based around the novel The Iron Giant. Children will learn about extreme earth events such as volcanoes and earthquakes, and we will create prints based on the illustrations from the book.

Things to remember:

- Homework grids will be given out at the beginning of a term. Tasks can be completed throughout the term and children will be rewarded 20 house points per piece of work.
- Correct uniform to be worn all the time, including school shoes, please notify us of any issues.
- Refresh yourself on the schools' behaviour policy, get a copy from the school office or school website.
- Check the School Facebook page for photos, news and up to date learning which has taken place.
- Feel free to make an appointment to see me through the office to discuss any concerns you may have.