

Year 3 Newsletter



Welcome to Year 3! Miss Maxim is very excited to welcome you all into life in Key Stage Two. Here you will find all the important information that you need.

Diary Dates for this half term

Friday 19th September:

Individual photos

Thursday 2nd October

Harvest Assembly lead by New Cross Church.

Friday 10th October:

Hello Yellow Day

Friday 17th October

Break up for half term

Monday 3rd November

Return to school

8th December:

Year 3 Enquiry Showcase

12th December:

Whole School Panto Trip

16th December:

Christingle Assembly

Friday 19th December

Break up for Christmas holidays.

Return to school on Monday 5th January 2026.

Enquiry

This term's enquiry has a Geography theme. We will be learning about and comparing European countries, focusing lots of learning on Italy. Throughout our enquiry sessions this term we are going to be answering the question, **"Is one place better than another?"** Each week we will be building up our knowledge to answer our main question.

This term we will be looking at:

Week 1 – We will begin by learning how to locate European countries and cities on a map.

Week 2 – This week, we will learn about the eight points on a compass and use this to compare the locations of European countries. We will also start to learn about the layers of the Earth!

Week 3 – Our focus this week will be what causes an earthquake and the different parts of a volcano.

Week 4 – Our learning this week will focus on PSHE and DT. In PSHE, we will explore how people manage setbacks in their lives, and in DT we will learn what linkages are.

Week 5 – Building on our DT learning, we will design and make a product that uses a linkage. This product will need to withstand an earthquake.

Week 6 – We will use our designs from Week 5 and make them stronger, ensuring they are protected and safe in an earthquake.

Week 7 – We will evaluate our DT products, explaining what worked well and how we could improve them.

Week 8 – We will return to Geography, learning about and comparing the human and physical characteristics of different European countries.

Week 9 – Linking back to Geography, we will explore in PSHE how our culture forms part of our identity.

Week 10 – We will be learning about the different environmental regions of Italy.

Week 11 – In Art, we will create paintings using different materials and techniques.

Week 12 – We will combine Maths and Geography to compare rainfall in the UK and Italy, creating graphs to help us explain which place has the better climate.

Science

Our science learning in Autumn term is going to be focusing on forces. During this learning, we will be learning about what a force is, magnetism and taking part in lots of investigations to support our learning.

If you need anything, Mrs Lomax or I are available via class dojo or feel free to speak to us before/after school.

Thank you!

Homework

On Dojo you have access to our home learning menu. This is a great and fun way of further supporting your child's learning at home. Don't forget to pick and choose the activities and upload your evidence to Dojo to gain Dojo points. These can be done at any point up until the end of the term.



PE



Monday & Wednesday

Children should come to school in their PE kit and can stay in it all day. Our PE kit is a plain white t-shirt, black or navy shorts/PE skirt, black or navy tracksuit bottoms or leggings, plimsolls or trainers for outside games. Please ensure all earrings are removed or covered with tape and hair tied back.

This term we are doing gymnastics.



Reading



It is essential that children are encouraged to read at home to develop their fluency, vocabulary and it will open many more doors to their learning. The children will bring home a decodable reading book for them to read to you at home. Please remember to write in their reading diaries each time you read together, as each time they read **x3** or more times a week, they get a raffle ticket and are entered into a prize draw each week.

Times Table Rockstars

Each child has a login for the **Times Table Rockstars** app. This is a fun way for children to develop their times tables and each week they can win certificates for the most correct answers and the most coins collected.

Please ensure your child has their name in all their belongings to prevent them being lost.

