

Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn 2—2025/2026

Reading

The children have been engaging enthusiastically with our new reading approach and have improved their fluency by reading aloud regularly.

This half term, we will be reading *Stig of the Dump* by Clive King.

The children will continue to develop their fluency and vocabulary knowledge as well as learning how to answer comprehension questions about the text.

Key Dates

Book Fair 12-17th November

Christmas Fair 5th December

SHP Pantomime Trip —9th December

Writing

In writing this half term, the children will be writing instructions using a model text inspired by the book 'How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth' They will be exploring how to organise their writing to make their instructions clear to their reader.

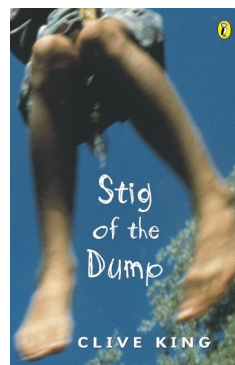
Maths

In maths, the children will continue to practise and apply their five times table and will learn their 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

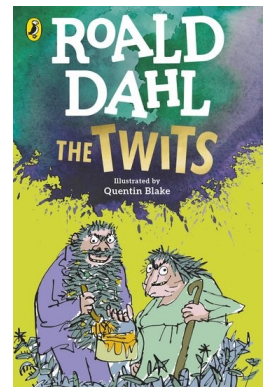
They will then begin to explore lengths and perimeter.



Whole Class Reading Book



Class Read



Suggested Books for Reading



Science

In science this half-term, the children will be learning about animals including humans. They will be learning about skeletons and muscles and how they provide structure and allow movement. They will work scientifically by observing and carrying out fair tests.



History

In history this half-term, the children will be learning about some of the key changes which occurred between the Stone Age and Iron Age. They will be finding out about how archaeologists use clues from artefacts and cave paintings to understand what life was like. They will also be comparing the Palaeolithic, Mesolithic and Neolithic eras.



Art / DT

Year 3 do not have a specific Art or DT focus this term, however as the festive season approaches, the children will be taking part in a variety of Christmas-related craft activities including baking and creating pop-up cards.



PE

In Indoor PE this term, the children will learn, develop and apply travel and rotation on the floor, with hand apparatus and partner work through focused skill development, sequence creation and games.

In outdoor PE, children will develop their agility and coordination through tag rugby. They will learn the basic rules of the game.

RE

In RE, the children will be learning about Christianity. They will explore what Christmas means to Christians and the values that are shown at this time. They will consider what gifts they could give to the world such as kindness.



Music



Using the Vikings as inspiration, the children will be developing their appreciation of singing together, ensuring they are keeping in time with each other when performing as an ensemble. Through a selection of songs, they will recognise simple rhythmic notation by ear and by sight, which they will then develop further when composing and performing their own Viking battle songs.

French

Les animaux (animals)



The children will learn 10 familiar animals and be introduced to the 1st person singular high frequency verb 'I am'. By the end of the unit they will be able to recognise, recall, remember and spell up to 10 animals with their indefinite article. This is one of the first sentence building units where the children will have the knowledge and skills to be able create short phrases with nouns and determiners.

PSHE

This half-term, the children will be completing lessons from the 'Celebrating Difference' puzzle. This puzzle focuses on building relationships with others, conflict resolution and celebrating differences.

