



Year 3 Newsletter

Autumn Term 2026

Dear Parent(s) and Carer(s),

Welcome back to Autumn term! We hope you all had a great summer and we are looking forward to having the opportunity to work with both you and your child again this year. It has also been a pleasure to start to get to know the children who have joined us this year. This term, we're starting with a history-based topic where the children will be finding out about 'Who first lived in Britain?'.

Staff in Year 3

On Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays Miss Chubb will be teaching the class and on Thursdays and Fridays Mrs Macklin will be teaching.

Topic

This term our topic is 'Who first lived in Britain?'. Children will be learning about the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Age. We will be learning what life was like for the first humans in Britain and how life changed through farming and the emergence of bronze and iron. In Geography next half term, we will be learning about longitude and latitude as well as how to locate places using 4 figure grid references. We will also learn about the geographical features of the United Kingdom.



As part of our Stone Age topic, we have arranged for a workshop to take place in school on Tuesday 22nd September.

In science, we will be learning about 'Rocks and Fossils' as well as 'Skeletons, Muscles and Nutrition' this term. Please see the separate knowledge organisers to further support their learning at home.

Things to Remember

Children should bring in water bottles daily. Please ensure bottles are named and are sufficiently watertight and robust to survive the rigours of the classroom. Also, water only please and no juice.

Children may bring in a healthy snack for break time such as fruit, rice cakes or dried fruit. Please **do not send** your child in with **anything containing nuts** (including chocolate spread), crisps or chocolate.

We will provide all necessary stationery on the tables, so children should not bring in personal pencil cases and they should not be bringing in toys from home unless agreed with us. Please also remember that there is not much space on pegs for large rucksacks.

Forest School and PE Days

This half term the class will be taking part in Forest School sessions on Monday afternoons down at the wood near the park in Sutton Bonington. Further details on what children will need to bring with them or wear for Forest School sessions will be communicated to you separately. On Tuesdays, please make sure children come to school wearing the correct PE kit with earrings removed or covered. Their PE lesson will be taught on Tuesday afternoons by Miss Chubb.

Reading Books

Children should come to school with their school reading book. This will be a levelled or book banded book. Children in Year 3 should aim to read for at least 15 minutes every day but if this is not always possible, we recommend at least three times per week. Year 3 will usually change their books on Monday mornings. We also have a range of other high-quality books in the classroom which children can read in class.

Homework

We will be sending out a weekly homework grid for this half term at the start of next week. In essence, children will be expected to complete three reads in a week and practise their maths skills using the online learning platforms 'Doodle Maths' and 'Times Tables Rock Stars'. In addition, there will be spellings and spelling rules to practise as well as a discussion activity linked to our topic. Please also have a look at our class page on the school website which will be updated with useful links to support your child's learning at home in the coming days.

Values

This term we will be focusing on how we help people to feel they BELONG by showing RESPECT and KINDNESS. We will cover this through assemblies, PSHE lessons and through everyday aspects of school life. Please ask your child how they have been able to show respect and kindness at school and at home as well as how this helps others to feel like they belong in our school community.



If you have any questions or worries, please do not hesitate to arrange to come and speak to us in school.

Best wishes,

Two handwritten signatures in black ink. The first signature is 'K. Chubb' and the second is 'K. Macklin'.

Miss K. Chubb Mrs K. Macklin

Year 3 Class Teachers