

Year 3 Autumn Term 2026

What Your Child Will Be Learning

English

This term, children will continue to develop their confidence in speaking and listening through class discussions, drama and role play.

They will explore a range of writing styles, including:

- Letters
- Diaries
- Poetry
- Descriptive writing
- Newspaper reports

Grammar and punctuation work will include:

- Revisiting parts of speech
- Fronted adverbials
- Homophones
- Synonyms
- Speech marks

Children will also:

- Learn how to use a dictionary and thesaurus effectively
- Complete regular comprehension activities
- Read to an adult every day
- Take Accelerated Reader quizzes regularly
- Follow the Year 3 spelling programme, including weekly spelling tests
- Revisit and reinforce important Year 2 spellings
- Practise handwriting daily, with a focus on joining letters correctly in cursive script

Maths

This term children will:

- Develop, mental addition and subtraction strategies using numbers up to 1,000
- Identify and accurately draw 2D shapes

- Estimate numbers to the nearest 100 and 1,000
- Solve real-life word problems involving one or more steps
- Explore symmetry
- Learn about compass points and turns
- Revise the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables
- Have fun learning about Roman numerals

A weekly mental maths test will focus on times tables and number bonds.

Science

Children will learn about:

- Human health
- The structure of the human body
- Light and shadows through practical investigations

French

Topics this term include:

- Greetings and introductions
- Talking about how you are feeling
- Age
- Classroom instructions
- Numbers to 40 (speaking)
- Numbers to 20 (reading and writing)
- Colours
- Pets and animals
- Christmas

Children will also be introduced to:

- The verb *avoir* ("to have")
- The concept of masculine and feminine nouns in French

Learning will be supported through:

- The CGP Year 3 French book
- Tailor-made worksheets
- Linguascope

History

In the second half of the term, children will study the Victorian era and discover how technological developments from that period continue to influence our lives today.

Religious Studies (RS)

Children will:

- Be introduced to the six major world religions
- Learn more about Judaism
- Explore the similarities between different faiths, particularly those represented within the Year 3 community

Geography

During the first half of the term, children will learn about:

- The United Kingdom and how it is organised
- Map-reading skills
- The differences between urban and rural areas

They will also:

- Identify all seven continents
- Name and locate some of the largest countries in Europe

Personal, Social and Health Education (PSHE)

Children will explore:

- Friendships
- Positive relationships
- Respect and kindness towards others

A key focus throughout the year will be the Golden Rule:

Treat others as you would wish to be treated.

These themes will be reinforced daily as well as during dedicated PSHE lessons.

Digital Skills

Children will design and create their own cartoon strips using iLearn2.

Art and Design

This term children will:

- Learn about proportion by creating self-portraits
- Produce artwork inspired by Michelangelo
- Create stained-glass window designs linked to their science learning about light

Music

Children will begin learning to play the recorder and will develop:

- Finger and breath coordination
- Basic music reading skills, including notes B, A and G in the treble clef
- Understanding of crotchets, minims, quavers and rests

They will also build important:

- Rehearsal skills, such as focus, concentration and self-discipline
- Ensemble skills, including listening and playing with others
- Performance skills, helping them become confident performers

Games

The focus this term is football.

Children will:

- Practise moving with the ball
- Develop passing and receiving skills
- Learn the importance of teamwork through matches and activities

Additional opportunities include:

- Inter-house competitions for all pupils
- Selected fixtures against other schools
- Weekly games afternoons at Sunbury Cricket Club

Physical Education (PE)

Children will:

- Use basic situations in Netball to improve their understanding

In gymnastics they will:

- Improve performance and presentation skills
- Develop gymnastic styles and routines
- Practise key movements such as balances and flight

Swimming

Children will continue to develop their swimming skills by:

- Improving stroke technique through drills
- Building stamina over longer distances
- Learning to move more efficiently through the water
- Developing confidence when diving from the side of the pool

How You Can Help at Home

- Encourage daily reading and discuss what your child has read.
- Support regular practice of times tables and number bonds.
- Help your child learn weekly spellings.
- Talk about their learning and celebrate their achievements throughout the term.

We look forward to an exciting and successful autumn term in Year 3! 🍁📚✨