

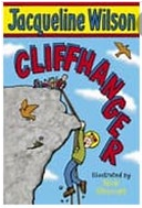


YEAR 3

SPRING TERM NEWSLETTER

Wishing you all a very happy 2026- we hope you have all had a lovely break. This term we will be learning about some great topics which we hope the children will love them as much as we do. Our teaching team remains the same as last term; Mrs Shipley is the teacher in Adlington and Mr White is the teacher in Froch. We also have Mrs Lee supporting us. Mrs Marshall is the Year 3 and 4 Phase Leader and will be teaching in Froch on a Monday.

ENGLISH



During this half term, we will be carrying out lots of fun reading and writing activities. We will be writing a report about earthquakes which links closely to our geography topic in the first half term. We will also be reading *Cliffhanger* by Jacqueline Wilson and using this book for our guided reading sessions. After half term we will be reading *Escape to Pompeii* and *Fatal Fire* by Terry Deary and will be writing our own exciting versions of *Escape from Pompeii*.

MATHS

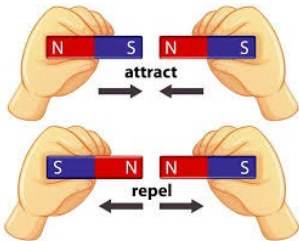
This term in maths we will be focusing on:

Multiplication & Division, Length & Perimeter, Mass & Capacity and Fractions.

Developing the children times tables knowledge is also very important this year, please encourage your child to log in to **TT Rock Stars** as this is a fun way for children to learn their tables. Log in details are in their reading diary.



SCIENCE



In the first half of the spring term, the children will be learning about **Forces and Magnets**. They will explore how different surfaces affect the movement of objects and investigate the role of friction. They will also discover which materials are magnetic and carry out experiments to test their predictions. Through hands-on activities, they will develop their scientific enquiry skills by observing, recording results, and drawing conclusions. It promises to be an exciting topic that will spark curiosity and encourage teamwork!

In the second half of the term, the children will be learning about **plants**. They will investigate the different parts of a plant and their functions, including roots, stems, leaves, and flowers. They will explore what plants need to grow and thrive, and carry out experiments to observe how water travels through a plant. This topic will help the children understand the life cycle of plants and the important role they play in our environment. It will be a hands-on and engaging unit full of opportunities for observation and enquiry!

GEOGRAPHY

The children will be exploring the exciting topic of **Extreme Earth**. The children will learn about natural phenomena such as volcanoes, earthquakes, and tsunamis, discovering how and why these events occur around the world. They will investigate the structure of the Earth, including tectonic plates, and consider the impact these extreme events have on people and the environment. This topic will encourage curiosity about our planet and help the children develop their map skills as they locate areas where these events happen. It's sure to be a fascinating and thought-provoking unit!



HISTORY



Next half term term, Year 3 will be learning about **The Romans**. The children will discover who the Romans were, why they invaded Britain, and what life was like during Roman times. They will explore Roman inventions, roads, and buildings, and learn how the Romans have influenced life in Britain today. Through research, role play, and creative activities, the children will develop their understanding of this fascinating period in history. It will be an exciting topic full of opportunities to compare the past with the present!

ART



In the first half of the term, we will be exploring **shape and colour** in their artwork. The children will experiment with a variety of materials and techniques to create bold and imaginative pieces. They will learn how artists use shapes and colours to express ideas and emotions, and will have the opportunity to design their own compositions inspired by famous works. This topic will encourage creativity, develop fine motor skills, and allow the children to express themselves through vibrant and thoughtful art projects.

PERSONAL SOCIAL HEALTH & ECONOMIC EDUCATION

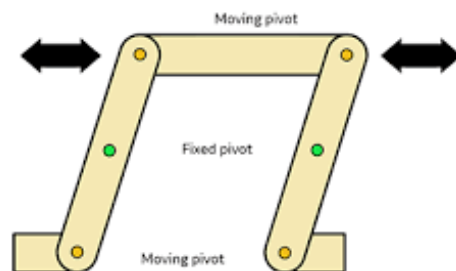


In the first half of the term, Year 3 will be focusing on **Keeping Safe**. The children will learn about different ways to stay safe at home, at school, and in the community. They will discuss road safety, online safety, and how to make sensible choices in different situations. The topic will also cover the importance of knowing who to ask for help and how to respond in an emergency. These lessons will help the children develop confidence and responsibility in keeping themselves and others safe.

In the second half of the term, Year 3 will be learning about **Rights and Respect**. The children will explore what rights they have and why these are important for everyone. They will discuss the responsibilities that come with rights and learn how to show respect for others in their words and actions. This topic will help the children understand fairness, equality, and the importance of working together to create a positive and caring community. It will encourage thoughtful discussions and promote kindness and empathy.

DESIGN AND TECHNOLOGY

The children will be learning about **mechanical systems**. The children will explore how levers, linkages and moving parts work in everyday objects. They will design and create their own models that incorporate simple mechanisms, developing their problem-solving and engineering skills. This topic will encourage creativity and practical thinking as the children learn how mechanical systems make movement possible. It promises to be a hands-on and exciting unit!



RELATIONSHIP AND SEX EDUCATION

Next half term, Year 3 will be taking part in lessons from the **Christopher Winter Project**, focusing on **Personal Space**. The children will learn about the importance of respecting their own personal space and that of others. They will discuss appropriate boundaries, how to recognise when someone is too close, and strategies for responding in a safe and respectful way. These lessons will help the children develop confidence, understand consent in everyday interactions, and build positive relationships.



COMPUTING



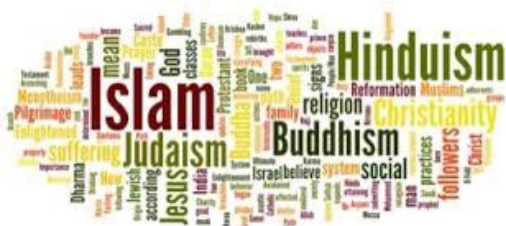
This term, Year 3 will be continuing their work with **iCompute**, focusing on the **iData** unit. The children will learn how to collect, organise, and present data using digital tools. They will explore how information can be represented in charts and graphs and use simple software to create and interpret these. This topic will help them develop important skills in data handling and understanding how technology is used to manage information in the real world. It promises to be a practical and engaging unit that builds confidence in using technology effectively.

CYBER SAFETY

This term, Year 3 will be learning about **E-Safety**. The children will explore how to stay safe online, including understanding what personal information is and why it should be kept private. They will learn how to create strong passwords, how to respond to messages safely, and what to do if they see something that makes them uncomfortable. These lessons will help the children develop confidence and responsibility when using technology, ensuring they can enjoy the internet safely and respectfully.



RELIGIOUS EDUCATION



This term, Year 3 will be learning about **Prayer**. The children will explore what prayer means to different people and why it is an important part of many religions. They will learn about different ways people pray, including special words, actions, and places of worship. This topic will encourage respect for different beliefs and help the children understand how prayer can be a way of expressing feelings, hopes, and gratitude. It will be a thoughtful and reflective unit that promotes understanding and empathy.

DIVERSITY CALENDAR

This term as part of our whole school diversity calendar, we will be learning about:

- World Braille Day
- Martin Luther-King
- Luna New Year
- Ramadan (Islam)
- Lent (Christianity)
- St David's Day (Wales)
- Holi (Hindu and Sikh)
- International Women's Day
- St Patrick's Day (Ireland)
- Eid-al-Fitr (Islam)
- World Autism Day
- Easter (Christian)



PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Did you know...a good night's sleep helps children's mental, physical, social and emotional development?



This term, Year 3 will have P.E on a **Wednesday**. Also, for this whole term, Year 3 will be **swimming** on a **Tuesday**.

On PE days, please ensure your child wears the PE kit uniform of black shorts/joggers/leggings, a school polo shirt and trainers (preferably black). Please remove any earrings.

Please see the swimming letter for what is needed on swimming days.

QUESTIONS AND ISSUES



If you have any questions or issues with any aspect of your child's school life, please let us know, we are always here to help and support.

The best time to speak to Mrs Shipley, Mr White or Mrs Marshall is at the end of the school day when you can make an appointment to speak to them.

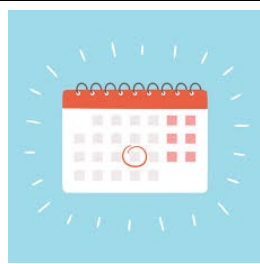
Please do not come into the Year 3 cloakroom in the morning with your child. If you wish to speak to a teacher in the morning, please speak to whoever is on the door as they will be able to help you.

HOMWORK



Each week, we will give the children a piece of maths and English homework. This will be based around the work that we are doing in class. We will also give your child their log-in details to access the reading lessons we set on Reading Eggs. We will be monitoring when these tasks are completed. **If you have any issues accessing the online homework, please come and speak to one of the Year 3 team.** All log in details for our online platforms are in your child's reading diary.

DIARY DATES



HALF TERM ONE

05/01/2026 – Start of spring 1
02-06/02/2026 – Wellbeing Week
06/02/2026 – NSPCC Number Day
10/02/2026 – Safer Internet Day
13/02/2026 – Last day of spring 1

HALF TERM TWO

23/02/2026 – Start of spring 2
05/03/2026 – World Book Day
09-13/03/2026 – British Science Week
18/03/2026 – Parents/Carers Evening
23/03/2026 – Spring Disco (Y3-Y6 5-6.30pm)
27/03/2026 – Last day of spring 2
13/04/2026 – First day of summer term