

# Year 3 Autumn Term Learning



## English:

Our first novel to welcome the children into the juniors will be *Charlotte's Web* by E.B. White. The children will meet Wilbur the pig, saved at birth by Fern, the farmer's daughter, and sent to live on a separate farm where he meets Charlotte the spider. The children will be consolidating and improving their use of continuous cursive handwriting and getting used to writing with smaller lines. They will initially focus on descriptive pieces, expanding their vocabulary and developing their use of technical features such as fronted adverbials. Basic punctuation is another key focus, with commas to be used after fronted adverbials and speech to be introduced.

## Maths:

Our learning in maths will begin with a focus on place value and conceptual understanding of number. We will be looking to move from the use of blank number lines for addition and subtraction to formal column methods to improve efficiency and allow the children to handle larger numbers more comfortably. Formal written methods will also be learnt for multiplication and division. Beginning to learn the 3, 4 and 8 times tables is also a focus.

## Topic:

Our history topic is the Romans, where we will be learning about a variety of aspects linked to everyday life, culture, empire and language, linking to our study of Latin which will run concurrently. In science we will be looking at humans and animals, including learning about skeletons, diets and food chains. Computing will see us learning about digital literacy, specifically cyberbullying, and all four Year 3 classes will be having food and nutrition lessons for their D.T., including practical cookery elements.

## Other information:

PE will take place on Wednesday and Friday each week. Children will need to have the correct sports kit in school every week for these sessions. Warmer clothes would be advisable as PE will usually take place outside.

Children are encouraged to bring in their own water bottle from home which they are welcome to store by the sink in their classroom.

All Year 3 classes will be dismissed at the end of the day from the Grant playground, in front of the ramp.

Please label all aspects of your child's uniform with their name, including their PE kit, as this makes it much easier to reunite their belongings with them!

## How can I help:

Please read with your child as regularly as possible — little and often is the best. This can be a mixture of them reading to you, you reading to them or shared reading.

Supporting your child to learn their times tables is a huge help, as so much of the maths curriculum throughout primary school is made easier by good knowledge of multiplication and division facts. The 3, 4 and 8 times tables are the main priority in Year 3.

Please support your child with any homework they may be set and with their weekly spellings. These will be made available on the Year 3 webpage.



English

Autumn: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *Charlotte's Web*. Non-fiction writing based on the Romans.

Spring: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *The Abominables*. Non-fiction writing based on aviation.

Summer: Fiction & non-fiction writing based on *Wreck of the Zanzibar*. Poetry.

Maths

Autumn: Place value, four operations(+ - x ÷), fractions, measure, shapes.

Spring: Place value, four operations, money, time, shapes, angles, statistics, fractions.

Summer: Measure, place value, four operations, fractions, time, shapes, measure.

Physical Education

Autumn: Football, rugby, dance.

Spring: Hockey, netball, basketball, dodgeball, gymnastics and health related fitness testing/theory.

Summer: Handball, cricket, rounders, athletics and nutrition/healthy eating.

Science

Autumn: Animals and humans

Spring: Light; Forces and Magnets

Summer: Plants and Living things; Rocks.

History

Autumn: Romans

Spring: Stone Age

Summer: -

Geography

Autumn: Europe

Spring: Climate zones, biomes and vegetation belts. Settlements and land use.

Summer: -

Computing

Autumn: Digital literacy: cyberbullying

Spring: Computer science: to write a program that achieves a specific goal.

Summer: Information technology: to make an animation.

D.T.

Autumn: Food and nutrition

Spring: -

Summer: Textiles project (tote bags)

Religious Education

Autumn: What is important to me; belonging to a religion.

Spring: Special journeys and places; the teachings of Jesus

Summer: Christianity; Expression of belief and identity.

Music

Autumn: Three little birds

Spring: Djembe course

Summer: BBC 10 Pieces (Delia Derbyshire—Dr Who Theme)

Art

Autumn: Tonking and sgraffito

Spring: Tone and pressure

Summer: Folk Art

Languages

Autumn: Latin—introduction to the family

Spring: Latin—Roman army

Summer: Latin—daily life of Romans

Growth and Reflection

Autumn: Anti-bullying; Online safety

Spring: Body image; managing conflict

Summer: Kindness; Where money comes from

### Year 3 Reading List

The Silly Book of Weird and Wacky Words (Non Fiction)	Andy Seed
The Diary of a Killer Cat	Anne Fine
The Epic Book of Epicness (Non Fiction)	Adam Frost
Football School: Where Football Explains the World (Non Fiction)	Alex Bellos
The Spy Who Loved School Dinners	Pamela Butchart
The Scarlet Files: Cat Burglar	Tamsin Cooke
Professor Astro Cat's Atomic Adventure (Non Fiction)	Dr Dominic Walliman
The Bolds	Julian Clary
Superhero Street	Phil Earle
Wings: Flyboy	Tom Palmer
Smart About Sharks	Owen Davey
The Sword of Herobrine (Unofficial Minecraft fan book)	Jim Anotsu
The World According to Humphrey	Betty G. Birney
Harry the Poisonous Centipede	Lynne Reid Banks
The Invisible Boy	Trudy Ludwig
The Secret World of Polly Flint	Helen Cresswell
Wilf the Mighty Worrier Saves the World	Georgia Pritchett
Revolting Rhymes	Roald Dahl
Mrs Pepperpot Stories	Alf Proysen
Wings: Flyboy	Tom Palmer
Smart About Sharks	Owen Davey
The Sword of Herobrine (Unofficial Minecraft fan book)	Jim Anotsu
The Boy Who Swam with Piranhas	David Almond
Lost Tales	Adam Murphy
How to Train Your Dragon	Cressida Cowell
Tom Gates: Genius Ideas (Mostly)	Liz Pichon
Goth Girl Series	Chris Riddel
Shackleton's Journey (non-fiction)	William Grill
Animal Ark series	Lucy Daniels
The Butterfly Lion	Michael Morpurgo
The Magic Far Away Tree	Enid Blyton
The BFG	Roald Dahl
The Hundred Mile an Hour Dog	Jeremy Strong
Billy the Kid	Michael Morpurgo
Flat Stanley	Jeff Brown
The Iron Woman	Ted Hughes
Making Millions	Erika McGann
Pax	Sara Pennypacker