



Class 3 Newsletter – Summer 2025



Welcome back to what promises to be a fun and busy summer term! We're delighted to have Mrs Hodgson joining us this term. She will be working in class every morning, supporting the children with their learning. It's great to have her as part of the team!

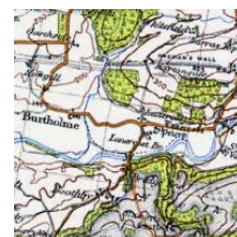


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We kicked off the summer term with an exciting two days of designing and creating pavilions! The children explored different frame structures with marshmallows and sticks, tested materials, and used their creativity to build their own miniature pavilions.

Geography

This term in Geography, we're getting hands-on with OS Maps, learning how to use map symbols, grid references, and compass directions. We'll also be carrying out some fieldwork around our local area and deepening our understanding of the Water Cycle. We're especially excited about our upcoming trip to Whinlatter, where we'll get to put our map reading skills into practice in a real-world setting.



History

This term, we'll be stepping back in time to learn about the Romans and their impact on Britain. We'll explore Roman life, inventions, and what changed when the Romans arrived. From Roman roads to baths and battles, there's lots to discover! We're also hoping to arrange an exciting trip to Vindolanda, a Roman fort and archaeological site – more details to follow soon

English

This term, we're focusing on a range of writing styles and techniques. Children will learn how to write clear instructions and develop engaging narrative stories, with an emphasis on settings, characters, and plot. We'll also be working on writing effective dialogue to bring characters to life and move stories forward. In addition, we'll be exploring a variety of poetry, and we're looking forward to a special Poetry Week after half term to celebrate our learning and creativity.



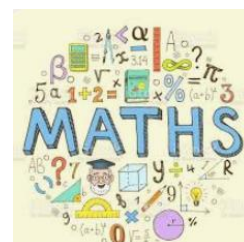
Reading and Spelling



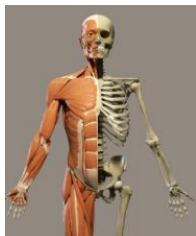
We ask that parents continue to hear their child read for 10 minutes at least 4 times a week. It's important that children bring their reading books and reading record books to school every day. Spellings will continue to be a focus this term. Your child has a spelling list in their reading record book, and each week they will be tested on 6 words. Please take time to look at these words at home as well.

Numeracy

In Maths, we'll be building on our understanding of multiplication and division, exploring fractions, decimals and learning how to tell the time more confidently. Times tables practice will be a big focus this term, especially for our Year 4 children, who will be taking the Multiplication Tables Check in June. We'll use games, challenges, and online tools to build confidence up to 12×12 . Please practise regularly at home too!



Science



This term in Science, we'll begin by learning about Animals including Humans, exploring nutrition, skeletons, and muscles. We'll find out what animals (including us!) need to survive and stay healthy. Later in the term, we'll move on to a topic all about Plants, where we'll investigate how they grow and what they need to thrive.

Religion and World Views

This term, our topic is 'Which Rules Should We Follow?' We'll be exploring the importance of rules and guidance in different religions, with a focus on Christianity, Islam, and Buddhism. The children will learn about key teachings, stories, and practices that help followers of these faiths live their lives, and reflect on their own values and choices. In Collective Worship this term we are focusing on the values of Justice and Wisdom.



PE

On Thursdays, we'll be enjoying cricket sessions with Fraser, developing our batting, bowling, and fielding skills. On Fridays, we'll be working with Carlisle United to focus on athletics, getting ready for Sports Day with running, jumping, and throwing activities.

Music

Later this term, we are excited to be working with two composers to create a special performance piece, in celebration of 200 years of the railway. This will be a fantastic opportunity for the children to explore composition, rhythm, and storytelling through music. More details about the performance will follow nearer the time.



Art

We are continuing our topic on sculpture, exploring how shapes and negative spaces can be represented through three-dimensional forms. Later in the term, we'll begin a new topic celebrating the beauty of the natural world, where children will create stunning visual art inspired by the striking colours, patterns, and textures of rainforest animal and insect life.

French

This term in French, we'll be learning vocabulary all about food, supported by a fun story about a hungry giant! We'll also be learning how to say where we live and beginning to build simple sentences to talk about ourselves in French.



This term, homework will be set on a Wednesday to be handed in on Tuesday.

As the weather gets warmer, please ensure your child comes to school with a sun hat and sun cream so they can enjoy their time outdoors safely.

A class timetable is attached for your information. If you have any concerns or questions regarding your child, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Turnbull