

Primary Three NEWSLETTER

Term 1 2026-2027



Teacher's Note

It has been wonderful to welcome in our new class of P3 pupils. This year of school will be full of engaging learning opportunities and experiences.

Please join us for the Meet the Teacher event on the 9th of September to see our learning environment and hear about some of our plans!

Literacy

Spelling – The children will be revising stage two phonemes and common words as they prepare to progress into stage three within the Active Literacy spelling programme.

Reading – This term will be reading and exploring the novel 'The Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark' as a class. Children will also take part in weekly reading through the Big Cats reading scheme. The children will also be encouraged to read for enjoyment on a regular basis through our DEAR sessions. The children will therefore have access to a wide range of text, including fiction and non-fiction to improve reading and word-attack skills. Any reading at home would always be beneficial!

Writing – Linking with our class novel and IDL focus on nocturnal animals, the children will have opportunities to write through fact files and information reports. The children will also take part in book reviews whilst continuing to incorporate the core writing targets.

Numeracy

Place value:

Place value, symmetry and shape. Children should begin to see the role of HTU (hundreds, tens and units) and identify and discuss the properties of 2D and 3D shapes. Children will begin to explore symmetry, investigating this within shapes and within the real world.

Rounding:

Children will be learning to round 2-digit numbers to the nearest 10. Children will explore visually when to round up and down by deciding which ten is the closest, for example by using a number line or hundred square.

Four operations:

There are many skills that we will continue to work on across the year such as counting in 2s, 5s, and 10s. This will support the learning of multiplication facts as well as benefit understanding of rounding. Any practice at home is welcomed!

Context for Learning

Through our interdisciplinary learning (IDL) focus, the Owl Who Was Afraid of The Dark, the children will learn about food chains, nocturnal animals and the relationship between the sun, plants and animals. The children will create art relating to this focus, exploring different tools, texture, colour and pattern.

As part of the 1+2 languages approach, pupils are learning French and British Sign Language. In French we are starting with the topic of animals. ICT will focus on how to use a glow login and keep passwords safe and RME will focus on a range of religious stories.

Health and Wellbeing

PE – In term one we will focus on fitness and athletics in PE, developing our skills in both track and field events such as running, jumping and throwing. On our PE days (Monday and Wednesday) could you please ensure that all earrings are removed. Alternatively, forms are available in the school for earring permissions.

Core Health – In Term 1, our focus in Health & Wellbeing will be on the importance of classroom and playground rules which encompass the school values of inclusion, community, respect and responsibility. Through the PATHS programme, pupils will learn about different feelings we have and people who are special in our lives.