



## Year 3 Learning Letter

Friday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2026

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Here is the last Learning Letter of the Spring Term, how fast that term has flown by! The Year 3 team have all been so impressed with the determination and focus shown this term, let's keep it up for the Summer term.

### The next two weeks:

- In **English**, we will be writing our persuasive letters to the local council. →
- In **Maths**, we will move onto learning about capacity and volume.
- In **RE**, we will learn about Shabbat.
- In **Computing**, finishing our Scratch basketball games!

### School Council Bake Sale

We would love if families could kindly donate a NUT FREE bake to our cake sale on **Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March** at Brockham from 3-3.45pm.

Biscuits, cakes, fairy cakes whatever you fancy! The children are also running a bookstall so if you have any books you would like to donate - please bring to school on the same day.

Please list ingredients for vegan/dairy free bakes. If your child is a school councillor and can help run the stall after school, please let Mrs Boyer know via the office.

This would also be a brilliant opportunity to link in our Year 3 Maths work on mass and capacity, if you need an academic angle!

### Homework

Yesterday, we set our Half Termly Maths Challenge, all about the International Day of Maths. This is due after the Easter break, on **Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April**. Spellings are due on Tuesday as usual.

### Nower Wood trip

Reminder about our Year 3 trip to **Nower Wood** on **Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April**. Please do arrange drop off and collection to and from Nower Wood (KT22 8QA) and we really recommend car sharing!

**Please note that collection times have changed:**

**Drop off: 9.30-9.45am.**

**Collection: 2.15-2.45pm.**

May all payments be made by **Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** and do let us know if you have any questions.

Thank you!

### English Council Letters

You may now have heard from your children about the council's plans to build a multi-storey car park on the Green! This is, *obviously*, not going to happen but the goal is to get Year 3 to write a persuasive letter of their own, generating their own ideas and voicing their own opinions and feelings. We will tell the children after they have written their letters that 'the work has been cancelled due to their fantastic and persuasive arguments!'

Usually, there is some upset at the thought of losing the Green but we hope you'll help us in keeping the mystery alive for now!

### Swimming and PE next term

For the Summer term, swimming stops for children in the **Thursday** groups. The children in the **Tuesday** booster groups will continue to swim and a letter regarding any changes to swimming days will be sent out in due course.

Year 3s will only need their PE kit on Tuesdays, when they will be doing athletics with Mrs Ottaway. For our second PE lesson, we will spend some time each day practising our Maypole Dance!

### Dates for the diary:

**Thursday 26<sup>th</sup> March:** School Council Bake Sale

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March:** All payments made for Nower Wood and break up for Easter @ 1.15pm

**Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April:** Children return to school

**Thursday 23<sup>rd</sup> April:** Year 3 Nower Wood trip

**Monday 27<sup>th</sup> April:** Class Photos

**Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May:** Bank Holiday

**Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May:** Maypole and break up for Half Term

**Friday 22<sup>nd</sup> May:** INSET Day

**Monday 1<sup>st</sup> June:** INSET Day

**Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> June:** Children return to school

**Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> June:** KS2 Sports Morning

**Friday 3<sup>rd</sup> July:** Year 3 Camp Night

**Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> July:** Break up for Summer @ 1.15pm

**Wednesday 22<sup>nd</sup> July:** INSET Day



### Reviewing our PSHE/RSHE provision

We are currently reviewing our PSHE curriculum in line with the DfE's updated statutory guidance for **Relationships, Sex and Health Education** (published 2025, for implementation from September 2026).

We use Jigsaw to teach PSHE. The programme consists of six half-term units (Puzzles): Being Me in My World, Celebrating Difference, Dreams and Goals, Healthy Me, Relationships and Changing Me. Each Puzzle contains lessons that build progressively through the school, developing children's emotional literacy, self-esteem, resilience and understanding of how to build positive, healthy relationships.

The updated guidance enhances the Jigsaw programme with some adaptations - we will continue to teach Sex Education in Years 5 and 6 (no longer in Year 4). There is a greater focus on protected characteristics, age appropriate digital literacy and digital spending. Lower key stages also include lessons on fire and water safety. Early Years' content has not changed.

We are currently trialling these updated materials in Years 3 and 5 with a view to all year groups using the new content in the Summer Term with Relationships and Changing Me so we are ready by **September 2026**.

If you have any questions/comments or would like to look at the revised teaching materials, then please contact Mrs Boyer ([PSHE@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk](mailto:PSHE@northdowns.surrey.sch.uk)).

#### CHANGES WOVEN INTO PROGRAMME



**BEING ME IN MY WORLD**  
Refreshed content, no structural changes

**CELEBRATING DIFFERENCE**  
Minor updates, enhanced protected characteristics content

**DREAMS & GOALS**  
Some restructuring, 2 new lessons

**HEALTHY ME**  
Substantial changes: 3 new safety lessons, Safety STAR framework

**RELATIONSHIPS**  
Updated digital literacy content, lesson names updated

**CHANGING ME**  
Significant changes: 4 new lessons, restructured puberty/sex ed content.



### Forest School

After the Easter break, half of Year 3 will be enjoying Forest School sessions with Mrs Ottaway on **Fridays**. Those who do not receive a letter via email will have their sessions **after May Half Term** and will be emailed closer to the time. The children who receive their letter will need to come to school with a **jumper or fleece**; comfortable long trousers (combats or tracksuit trousers, no jeans or shorts please); wellies/walking boots and a pair of gardening or winter gloves suitable for using tools. In case of rain, they will need a waterproof coat and trousers to put on over the top of their clothes and on warmer days they will need to have a sunhat and sun cream already on please. Any questions, do let us know!



Nothing more from us! Have a lovely weekend,  
Mr. Evenden and Miss Tennent

