Year 3 Learning Letter

Friday 11th September 2026

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Welcome to Year 3!

We have been so pleased with how well the children have settled into Year 3, coping with all the changes and challenges that starting Key Stage 2 provides. This year is full of exciting learning opportunities and we look forward to sharing these with you all during the year!

The next two weeks:

- In **English,** we are learning about writing instructions.
- In **Maths,** we are learning about place value; mastering number to 1,000.
- In **Science,** we are looking at forces and magnetism.
- In **Topic,** we have travelled back thousands of years to visit Ancient Egypt!
- In **DT,** we are learning about pneumatics by creating moving dragon heads.
- In **PSHE,** we are learning about our first Puzzle piece, 'Being Me in My World'.

KIRFs

The first Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRF) for Year 3 is:

The multiplication and division facts for the 3 times table.

Additional information regarding the KIRFs and ways to work on them at home can be found on the school website.

Multiplication Tables

Next week, we will start our weekly testing of the times tables. At the end of Year 4, all children take the national 'Multiplication Tables Check (MTC)' which covers all the tables from 2s-12s. Our weekly tests help to develop children's knowledge and memory of the tables and we do really push the fact that *knowing* your tables means instant fact recall. TTRS is a really good way to make practising these fun and all children can log on using their school login details.

Dates for this term

Tuesday 6th and Thursday 8th October: Parent Teacher Consultations
Monday 12th October: Individual School Photos
Friday 16th October: Break up for Half Term
Monday 2nd November: Children return to school

PE

This term, PE will take place on **Tuesdays only**, as Swimming sessions will make up the second PE lesson. The children therefore only need to wear PE kit to school on Tuesdays. This will change after the Christmas break.

Additionally for PE this term, as the children are doing Netball, it would be helpful for them to be wearing outdoor trainers and appropriate layers each week as the weather gets chillier.

Finally, a reminder that children who have pierced ears must either remove their earrings before coming into school, or be able to take them out themselves before the lesson starts. We are not authorised to take piercings out for children or put plasters over piercings.

Swimming

The first swimming lessons will be taking place next week. Year 3 will be enjoying weekly swimming lessons this term, happening on **Wednesdays** or **Thursdays** depending on their group. You will soon receive an email letting you know which day your child is swimming. Please ensure they have all the kit they need each week and, if for any reason your child needs to miss a week of swimming, please do let us or the office know.

Celebration Assemblies

Celebration Assemblies have resumed on a Tuesday morning and we would love to celebrate any successes your children have outside of school.

Please encourage your child to bring in any medals, certificates or trophies that they are awarded, for us to present again in school. They may even earn themselves a Values award!



Thank you, have a lovely weekend!
Miss Chinery and Miss Tennent

