

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Kingfisher and Goldfinch Class



Autumn Term 2025-2026

Welcome back Year 3!

We hope you have all had a wonderful and restful half-term break. The children have made a fantastic start to the year - we've been so impressed with how well they have adapted to key stage two and the challenges this has presented. This half term looks set to be a busy and exciting one, filled with festive activities, new learning experiences and plenty of opportunities for the children to shine.

Attendance and Punctuality

Every minute is meaningful! Regular attendance ensures your child can keep up with learning and fully enjoy school life.

Physical Education

P.E will continue to be on a **Tuesday** and **Friday** this term. P.E kits should be brought in on a **Monday** and will be sent home on **Friday** to be washed.

As the weather is becoming colder, tracksuits bottoms and your child's school jumper are suitable for outdoor games. A change of top and appropriate footwear is essential. Please make sure children do not wear jewellery to school on these days and that they have a hair band/bobble to tie their hair back, for health and safety purposes.



Online Safety: Being Smart with Screens

As technology evolves, so does the need to help children use it safely and positively. Through our computing curriculum, we teach children about "Digital Balance" — understanding how to enjoy technology safely without letting it take over our free time.

At home, you can help by:

Talking regularly about what your child enjoys online and who they might be chatting to (even in games).

Using BBC Own It and Childnet for fun videos and games that teach safe online habits.

Encouraging "tech-free times" — for example, no devices during dinner or before bed.

Setting up devices with child-safe settings and age-appropriate content filters.

For guidance and support, visit:

- <https://www.bbc.co.uk/teach/topics/cp440njz78zt>
- <https://www.internetmatters.org/>

The Importance of Home Learning & Reading

We can't emphasise enough how much difference a few minutes of daily practice makes!

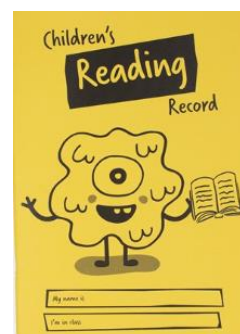
Spellings - New spellings go home at the beginning of each week and will be **tested on Friday**. Practising little and often is the best approach — just a few minutes a day builds long-term memory.

Time Table Rock Stars - Thank you to everyone who has been using TTRS at home. It's fantastic to see children growing in confidence with their times tables and mental maths. Aim for 10-15 minutes a few times a week — those short bursts really add up!



Reading

Regular reading at home will support your child in all areas of their learning. In school, we want children to ask questions, to wonder, to be curious and express their interests. Their book should challenge and expand on their vocabulary knowledge. Children must be reading at least **three** times a week for **10 minutes**, which needs to be recorded in their reading record alongside an adult signature and optional comment. Reading records will be collected daily to reward them for reading, and it allows them to move up the Reading Challenge!



Our library day is Monday.

Diary Dates

These may change or be added to throughout the course of the term. Please check on the school website and newsletters for any changes.

Event	Date
Anti-bullying week	w/c 17 th November
Parents evenings	Wednesday 19 th - Thursday 20 th November
Anti-bullying week	w/c 17 th November
Family BINGO - PTA	Friday 21 st November
TT Rockstars day	Thursday 27 th November
Christmas jumper day, lunch and KS2 church service	Thursday 18 th December
Last day of Autumn term	Friday 19 th December

Thank you

As always, thank you for your continued support — it truly makes all the difference. If you have any questions or would like to discuss your child's progress, please don't hesitate to get in touch via the school office or speak to us after school.

We're really looking forward to another fantastic half term with your children!

Yours faithfully,



Miss Sumner
Kingfisher Class Teacher



Miss Beattie
Goldfinch Class Teacher

Timetable

Year 3 Weekly Timetable - Autumn 2

	8:40 - 8:55	8:55 - 9:30	9:30-10:30	10:30-10:45	10:45 - 11:00	11:00-12:00	12:15-01:05	01:05-13:15	13:15-14:05	14:05-14:55	14:45-15:15
Monday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English	Break	Mental fluency	Maths	Lunch	Spelling	Science & Library		KS2 Assembly
Tuesday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling	P.E - Gymnastics (Hall)	Music	Faith Assembly
Wednesday (PPA)	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	Spanish	R. E	Class Assembly
Thursday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Handwriting	Geography	DT or Computing	KS2 Singing Assembly
Friday	Early morning work	Reading Journey	English		Mental fluency	Maths		Spelling test	P.E - OAA Top Playground	PSHE	Celebration Assembly

Library - Monday: Kingfishers 1.40 - 2.10 , Goldfinch 2.15 - 2.45

Termly Overview

Subject		Autumn 1	Autumn 2
Spoken and Written Word	Reading	The First Drawing Little Wandle chapter books Class Reader: Sir Scallywag and the Deadly Dragon Poo	The Fantastic Flying Books of Mr Morris Lessmore (Book and Film Animation) Chocolate Cake How to live forever Bear Grylls: The Volcano Challenge Class Reader: The Pebble in my Pocket
	Writing	Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs Where The Wild Things Are Stone Age Boy	Arthur and the Golden Rope Polar Express
	Spanish	Los Animales	Caperucita Rojo
STEM	Maths	Place value, addition and subtraction with measurement, multiplication and division	Fractions and geometry, place value with money and measurement
	Science	Rocks and Soils	Skeletons
	Computing	Online Safety	Creating media - Desktop publishing
	Design Technology		Cooking & Nutrition - Healthy Living (Cous cous)
Physical Well-being	PE	Gymnastic 1 Fundamental movement	Gymnastics 2 Outside Adventurous Activities (OAA)
Creative & Performance Arts	Art	Printing (Dragons)	
	Music	Our school	Christmas is coming
Emotional Wellbeing	RE	Courage (Christianity)	Warnings (Christianity) (Nativity)
	PSHE	Keeping Safe	I Love Me
Humanities	History	Stone, Bronze & Iron Age	
	Geography		Mountains