



# Year 3 - Autumn Term 1

Welcome to Key Stage 2 and Year 3. I hope you all had a fantastic summer and enjoyed some of the great weather we have had. I am tremendously excited to get the year underway as we have lots of fantastic learning and events coming up in Year 3. Remember to look at the latest news on <https://gillibrand.lancs.sch.uk/> and follow us on twitter at [@GPSWillow](https://twitter.com/GPSWillow) for weekly updates of what we get up to in Year 3!

## Important Dates:

Monday 11th September– KS2 French Day

Wednesday 6th September -Welcome to Year Group– KS1 – 4.30pm and KS2-5pm

Wednesday 11th October – Harvest Festival

Thursday 19th October: Year 5 and 6–  
Assembly

## French

We will introduce French this year with an exciting 'immersion day', full of lots of activities to introduce the language to Year 3. We will then learn to speak to others using basic words, phrases and simple sentences through the taught unit 'I can speak French.'

## English

Our first English topic this year will be poetry on a theme. We will use the upcoming harvest festival as stimulus to create our own class and individual poems. We will deepen our understanding of poems by reading a variety of styles and learning the different features used by different poets. We will conduct our own research on harvest festival and use our learning in RE to ensure we have a strong knowledge of the subject before writing. We will learn about rhyming couplets and apply them to our independent writing. We will also recap nouns and adjectives and how use them effectively in expanded noun phrases to add description to our work.

We will also focus on the following spelling patterns:

Prefixes – in-, re-, dis-, mis-

Suffixes –ing, -er, -en, -ed.

Words where th 'ou' sound is 'u', for example, young, touch, trouble

## Reading

Throughout the half term, we will be reading *Baby Aliens Got My Teacher* by Pamela Butchart. We will use the text to learn how to retrieve information, build inference skills, expand our vocabulary knowledge, summarise and predict future events.

The children will continue to get time to read for pleasure, selecting a book to read of their choice and we look forward to receiving our next 'Mystery Box' from Mrs Clayton containing a selection of new books for the class library.

## Maths

We will start the year learning about place value. We will use a variety of concrete, pictorial and abstract ways to refresh our times tables knowledge counting forwards and then backwards in steps of 2, 3 and 5. We will become confident counting forwards and backwards in steps of 10 from any number. We will use Base ten to fully understand the value of each digit in a 2-digit number. We will also be comparing and ordering numbers from 0 to 100, showing a full understanding of the greater than, less than and equal to symbols. Once mastered, we will apply this knowledge to reasoning and problem solving questions in order to demonstrate a deeper understanding of the unit.

## Science

In Science Year 3 will be looking at 'Forces and Magnets'. We will be learning about how magnets attract and repel each other, what materials are magnetic and which are not, as well as developing our prediction skills based on whether two magnets will attract or repel each other. The children will record their results using tables and labelled diagrams.

## RE

This half term we will be looking at Christianity and 'How have some people served God?'. We will look at some of the stories of the Prophets from the Old Testament (eg. Noah, Abraham, Moses, Jonah) and how God revealed himself. We will be using art, music and drama to recreate these stories and look at people who inspire us.

## Art

This half term we will be linking our artwork with our topic and exploring stone age cave paintings. We will look at what materials were used and look to recreate these. We will then learn what stories the authors of the paintings may have been trying to portray before to producing our own designs.

## History and Geography Unit

Our topic this term is the Stone Age to Iron Age. We will be exploring the question, 'If I travelled back in time, how would I know the difference between the Stone Age, Bronze Age and Iron Ages.' We will break our learning down into lots of smaller questions in order to answer the overall topic question by the end. We will use a variety of resources to learn about the different eras and learn when they took place. We will use our enquiry skills to learn about the lifestyles of the people from these different eras. We will investigate what tools were available and used in the different eras and how these changed over time.

## PSHE

In this half-term, we will be looking at the unit 'Me and My Relationships'. As we are new to Year 3, we will be looking understanding our feelings and looking at ways to deal with different situations, demonstrating simple strategies for resolving conflict situations and learning to accept the views of others when they are different to our own views.

## Music

This half term, we will be learning to use the glockenspiel and performing with control and awareness of an audience.

## Computing

In computing, we will be learning some new basic computer skills. This will focus on learning how to use Microsoft Word effectively. We will link this to our topic theme and create posters on MS Word about the environment.

## PE

This half term, we are lucky to have Teddy Tennis come in to provide us with some excellent coaching whilst we will also be learning ball skills additionally. P.E will take place on Wednesday mornings and Friday afternoons.