

Class 3 Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter 2026



Welcome back to the academic year of 2026 to 2027!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break, and I hope you managed to relax, as well as having some adventures! We are looking forward to working hard, learning new information and skills, and having lots of fun whilst doing so. Our new topic for this half term is 'Vikings'. Class 3 will be exploring: how Vikings came to Britain, what impact they had on the world and how they lived. Have a look on the next page to see what we will be learning in the different curriculum areas. We look forward to another great half term with your children.

Mrs Crease

Class 3 Reading Book



Reminders

- PE is every Monday and Wednesday
- Homework handed out on Friday and due in the following Thursday
- Reading three times a week at home
- Times Table practice three times a week at home



Events

- Playground Leader Training – 9th September 2026
- Welcome Back Meetings for Parents – 16th September from 3.30pm
- This Girl Can (Y5 girls) – 22nd September 2026
- Hope Valley College Open Evening for Y6 Parents – 24th September 2026 from 5.15pm
- Bikeability for Y6 – 6th October and 20th October 2026
- Y3-6 Football Tournament – 7th October 2026
- Y3-6 Football Festival – 15th October 2026
- Spooky Disco – 21st October 2026

Times Tables

We are working hard to consolidate and increase our recall of times tables. Class 3 are responding well using times table songs and games.

Below are some links to these:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/7-11-years/multiplication-and-division>

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7rYbk9PNuM> (6 times table song)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=WdF_vFAxwas (7 times table song)

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_BJr9rdwA (8 times table song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=154VoUQbgvc> (9 times table song)

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mFal3089j5E> (12 times table song)

Reading

In Class 3, we are developing our 'Love of Reading'. On Friday afternoon, we have some reading for pleasure time called 'ERIC – Everyone Reads In Class' and this allows children to choose any text of their choice. This may be a recipe, a magazine, a fact book or a narrative but if they would like to bring a text from home to read, then Friday is the day to do this.

Here are a couple of new books released for 7–11-year-olds:



Y5/6
Autumn 1
Vikings

English

- Exploring the seven comprehension strands of reading (retrieval, commentating, vocabulary and summarising)
- Learning/recapping various grammar and punctuation aspects: word classes, expanded noun phrases, subordinating conjunctions and sentence types.
- Exploring the book titled 'The Arrival'.

History

- Who were the Vikings?
- What impact did they have on the world?
- How did they arrive in the UK?
- How did the Vikings live?

Maths

- Recognising and using numbers up to six digits
- Understanding place value and explaining what digits in a number represent
- Using the four operations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division)
- Increasing our recall of times tables
- Developing our mental maths: multiplying by 10,100,1000; adding and subtracting decimals and rounding numbers
- Using roman numerals

Languages

- Continue to develop an understanding of French phonics
- Recap numbers and apply them

Music

- Listen and copy notes on a musical instrument
- Understand pulse and pitch
- Hone the skills of singing

Design and Technology

- Create a free-standing structure, which can hold weight
- Understand how to join, shape and cut resources effectively
- Design and build a marble run

RE

- Exploring the big question: What does it mean if Christians believe God is holy and loving?

Science

- Explaining how electrical circuits work
- Drawing electrical circuits scientifically

Computing

- Designing and creating a webpage
- Using Word, PowerPoint and Excel and saving work efficiently

PE

- Football skills
- Working as a team
- Swimming – Y5

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Me and My Relationships –
How can I be a good friend?