

4th September 2026

Dear Parents and Carers of children in Year 3,

Half Termly Curriculum Information Letter – Autumn 2026 1st Half

We are delighted to welcome your children into Year 3; they have settled in really well over the last couple of days and we are looking forward to the half term ahead.

Reading:

This term in Guided Reading we will be reading 'The Secrets of Stonehenge' by Mick Manning and Brita Granstrom. This text is linked to our history topic and will help to develop reading skills and widen children's vocabulary. To support our learning, we will also be visiting Flag Fen in Peterborough on Friday 9th October. A separate letter will be sent out regarding this shortly.

Please read with your child on a daily basis and record a comment in their reading diary; book bags and reading diaries should be brought in **every day**. Children are expected to read at home for **at least 20 minutes per day** and reading is monitored weekly. Children will be able to access Accelerated Reader quizzes in class and at home.

Spellings:

Over this half term we will review suffixes from Year 2 (e.g. 'ed', 'es' and 's' endings) and the prefixes 'un' and 'dis'. We will also be looking at homophones (e.g. to, two, too), spellings with the ay sound spelt 'ei' and words from the statutory word list.

Maths:

We will be focusing on consolidating the 2-, 5- and 10-times tables this half term. In order to support them, children have been given login details to allow them access to Times Tables Rockstars at home, using the website: <https://trockstars.com/>.

PE:

Our PE lesson days are on **Tuesdays and Wednesdays**. Children should come to school dressed suitably for a session of physical activity on those days. The Tuesday session will be outdoors, so your child will need to wear **trainers/plimsolls**. Children will also need to remove earrings for PE and long hair must be tied back. We believe that children can nearly always take part in a PE lesson in some capacity if they are able to attend school. Our policy is that children will take part in PE lessons unless a doctor's note advises in writing against it.

General reminder:

Bring in a clear named plastic water bottle daily - this can be refilled at school.

Please do remember that we are available briefly at the end of the day should you need to speak to us.

Yours sincerely

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Year 3 teachers