Autumn 1 Newsletter 2026

We hope you had a great Summer Holiday!



Welcome back!



Year 3 Team!

Class Teacher: Miss Davidson

Teaching assistant: Mrs Ndekwe

Welcome to Year 3!

It is with great excitement that we welcome you into Year 3! This year, I (Miss Davidson) feel very lucky to be your class teacher and I know that our brilliant TA, Mrs Ndekwe, feels the same about being part of the Year 3 team and school community. We hope you had a lovely restful summer and are ready to start the exciting term we have planned! We realise the transition from infants to lower juniors can be a daunting process but we want to reassure you that Year 3 will be a positive and nurturing environment for all. We will work hard this year to build relationships with individuals in the class and those of you at home to ensure our school is a happy place for everyone in it. We strive for a classroom community that is happy, safe and promotes open communication. We are always more than happy to hear from you and gain your input.

Year 3 – Weekly Reminders	
Monday	1. Homework Due 2. Spelling test 3. Multiplication check
Tuesday	
Wednesday	1. New spellings set 2. New homework set
Thursday	
Friday	1. Changing of reading books 2. PE day – wear PE kit to school







Helping your child at home:		
Reading:	Writing:	Maths:
Good readers make for good writers. It is important that we support the children in becoming resilient learners who read for pleasure. Regular reading is essential in Year 3, so we ask for the children to be read with **daily** at home. We recommend that all children - even confident readers who prefer to read to themselves, are heard reading aloud daily. Reading at home can be recorded in your child's reading record. Visiting the library is a great way to get children excited about reading. There are various libraries local to us that will welcome you into their reading community: https://www.medway.gov.uk/directory/6/find_a_library	Please encourage your child to complete all written homework as this will greatly benefit their writing development. Your child will be sent home with new spellings every Wednesday.	By the end of Year 3 the children need to be fluent in the 2's, 3's, 4's, 5's, 8's and 10's times table. Children will have opportunities to practice their times tables daily at school please support this by frequently reciting them at home. Useful resources to support at home learning: Times Tables Rockstars: https://ttrockstars.com/

Housekeeping:

- Your child should have a labelled school water bottle in class daily.
- If you need to send in any money please place it in an envelope and write your child's name and reason on the front.
- On PE days please send your child into school in the PE kit.
- Homework will be sent home every Wednesday. Please ensure it is returned by the following Monday. Please encourage your child to complete their homework with the minimum of help as this will help them to become independent learners.
- Please see the Year 3 Curriculum Map for a breakdown of your child's learning this term.

Communication:

Your first point of contact should always be the office to report any absences or to inform us of a change of adult dropping off or collecting your child. Please feel free to contact the school via email at office@st-thomascanterbury.medway.sch.uk or for matters that only require a short, written response, you can contact me directly using the Class Dojo App. Please be sure to download and sign up for our school communications platform 'Arbor' if you haven't already done so, as many of our important letters and messages will be sent this way. If you are unable to find the information that you need on Arbor, all information can be found on our school website. You will also receive the 'House Keeping Curriculum Map' every half term to update you on your child's learning journey. We will also be sending home regular homework related to our classroom learning in order to support their progress.

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play nice. work hard. stay kind.