

Class 3 Autumn 1 Curriculum Newsletter 2025



Welcome back to the academic year of 2025 to 2026!

I hope you all had a wonderful summer break and I hope you managed to relax, as well as having 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 'The USA'. Class 3 will be exploring: different states of the USA, as well as looking in detail at human and physical characteristics of this continent. 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

Reminders

- PE is every Monday and Wednesday
- Homework will be 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
- Flutes need to be in school every Wednesday



Class 3 Reading Book



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_BJrR9rdwA (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
The USA

English

- Exploring four of 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.
- Writing a story
- Writing a non-fiction text

Geography

- What are the states of the USA?
- What physical features of the USA can I name?
- What human features of the USA can I name?
- How does the geography of the USA compare to the UK?

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 flute
- Understand pulse and pitch
- Hone the skills of singing

PE

- Football skills
- Working as a team
- Tag Rugby
- Cross Country
- Y6 Bike Ability

PSHE

Health and wellbeing: What makes up a person's identity?

Science

- Name the main parts of the circulatory system
- Explain how blood circulates around the body
- Discuss the impact of exercise and diet on our bodies

Art and Design

- Explore different types of typography
- Draw maps looking at the shape of areas
- Create a 3D map of a USA state

RE

- Exploring the big question: If God is everywhere, then why go to a place of worship?

Computing

- Explore how search engines work
- Create video content