



Year 3 Autumn Term



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Welcome to Year 3!

It's a brand new school year for all of us in year 3 and we would like to welcome all of the new children, parents and carers to Mengham Junior School. We are incredibly excited to welcome the children into their new classes and start all the fantastic learning experiences we have planned for this term!

English

English this term will begin by writing a vivid setting description with a strong focus on using amazing vocabulary inspired by the book 'The Tin Forest'. In addition to this, we will be focusing specifically on sentence structure and high frequency spellings. During this term, both classes will be reading 'The Tin Forest', 'Stone Age, Bone Age' and 'Iron Man' in guided reading.

Maths

Maths in Year 3 starts with place value: teaching the children the value of each digit in two-digit and three-digit numbers. This will allow them to be able to use those numbers throughout the year in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division units successfully. We hope that the children will enjoy using the resources we have available and all of the exciting problem solving activities included in their maths lessons.

History

In history this term, the children will be stepping back in time to some of the earliest historical records in British history for the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages. We will be handling artefacts and working out what they were used for!

Geography

In geography this term, we will be learning about mountains by following the journey of Admiral Lord Nelson. We will be exploring the human and physical features of the Alps and putting ourselves in the shoes of a mountaineer. We will also be investigating the Hayling coast line, taking part in workshops led by the Chichester Conservancy.

Art

One of the key skills in junior school art is drawing and painting, so we will be helping the children develop these skills. Linking with our history learning, the children will also be creating their own Stone Age style drawings to be displayed around the school.

Computing

In computing, the children will be getting used to the ICT resources we have in school (laptops, iPads, VR headsets and crumble boards) and learning how to log in, create documents and save documents. They will also be introduced to our online safety policies at school and learn how to keep themselves safe on the internet and computers.

R.E.

Our concept in R.E. this term is 'message'. Year 3 will be discussing and investigating what 'message' means to them and others. In particular, we will learn more about the messages that Christians believe were given by Jesus. This will be followed by a unit about angels with a focus on finding out why angels are important to Christians.

P.D.L.

Settling in is incredibly important in Year 3, as we want the children to feel a part of the school community from day one. The first P.D.L. unit this year is titled 'Settling In' and will give the children the opportunity to learn more about the school and create their own 'Class Charter' for their classroom. After half term, we will be thinking about feelings and how we can empathise with others in our unit 'Focus on Feelings'.

Science

Our first science unit will allow the children to have fun exploring magnets and learning about their effects. After half term, we will be finding out about the skeleton and why it's so important.

D.T.

Our D.T. learning will be linked to science and computing by designing, making and evaluating effective light boxes. We will test and use a range of materials to see which is the most effective box.

Music

The year 3 teachers absolutely love listening to and hearing the children play lots of different instruments throughout the year! This term we will be singing and creating a soundscape to go with a setting.

P.E.

Indoor PE will be improving our balancing and jumping as well as working on agility. In outdoor PE, we will be developing racket and ball skills in cricket.

Our P.E. days will usually be Monday and Tuesday but please make sure your child has their P.E. kit in school at all times in case this changes. Swimming will begin in Autumn 2.

French

At Mengham Junior School, we are lucky to be learning some of the key vocabulary of

the French language. This half term, year 3 will be learning the vocabulary for greetings, colours and the numbers 1-12.

Home Learning

Your child will receive their home learning log over the next couple of weeks. We ask that children read for a minimum of 15 minutes at least 5 times a week and that this is signed by an adult. In doing this, children will be in a great position to complete our termly reading challenge: to read 8 books.

In addition, we ask that children are completing 20 minutes of Numbots and Times tables Rockstars to support their maths learning.

Spelling homework will also be set online using Spelling Frame. Children will have around 10 spellings each week to practice. Links for homework websites can be found on the school website and login details will be provided shortly.

Homework will be set on a Friday each week and reading logs collected in each Thursday.

Key Events & Dates

Meet the Teacher: Tuesday 10th Sept

Macmillan Coffee Morning: Friday 27th morning September (year 3 only)

Butser trips: Birch class Monday 7th October, Oak class Tuesday 8th October

Harbour trips: Thursday 3rd, 10th, 17th October

Swimming: Autumn 2 TBC

Sleepover: Friday 6th December

Sleepover assembly: Friday 13th December

Half term: Week beginning 28th October

Parents' Evenings: 4th Nov & 6th Nov

Birch assembly: Friday 28th March 2025

Oak assembly: Friday 2nd June 2025