

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring A 2026



Welcome back!

Year 3 had a very successful first term and settled in well to routines in KS2. They especially enjoyed visiting our new library and taking part in a music workshop. This half term is full of fantastic activities which we are sure your children will enjoy.

An overview of planning for this half term is available on the school website under the 'What We Do' section. This sets out all the subjects and learning that children will be doing every week.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/>

Year 3 Expectations and Arrangements

PE days: Our PE days are Wednesdays and Thursdays.

PE kit: Children are expected to wear plain black shorts/long bottoms (while the weather is colder), a plain black sweatshirt, a plain white t-shirt and suitable footwear for running.

Behaviour: All children are expected to follow the 5 R's:

Respectful to All,
Ready to Learn,
Resilient and never giving up,
Reflective and always trying to improve,
Responsible behaviour at all times.

Snacks: KS2 children are allowed to bring in their own snacks for playtimes. These snacks must be healthy and not sugary treats, e.g., fresh and dried fruit, crackers, breakfast bars and popcorn.

Lunches: It is essential that children are provided with a healthy packed lunch and one that gives them enough nutrition for the day's learning.

<https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/recipes/healthier-lunchboxes/>

Water: Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school each day with unflavoured/non fizzy water only.

Home Learning Information

Our Home Learning Strategy can be found on the school website.

<https://www.becontreeprimaryschool.com/home-learning-strategy/>

This sets out a range of essential, as well as optional tasks, which are completed at home independently, or supported by a parent/carer.

Key home learning all year 3 children are expected to do, includes:

- **Daily Reading** (10 minutes or more per day). This could be paper based OR Story Zoo online.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (at least 3 games per week). Spelling practice using year 3 list.
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French/ **Anton app** offers personalised learning in a range of subjects and is a free learning platform.
- Optional CGP book practice.

Speak to the class teacher if you do not have online access at home so we can look at options to support your child.

For further **optional home learning ideas**, refer to our Home Learning Ideas section attached to the end of this letter.

Our Year 3 Team



**Ms Begum (Class Teacher)
Computing Lead**



Mrs Dear (Class Teacher)



**Mrs Smith
(Learning Support Assistant)**



**Mrs Khan
(Learning Support Assistant)**

Key Events and Dates this Half term

January				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
5 Staff INSET Day School Closed to Children	6 	7	8	9
12	13	14	15	16
19 Online bookings open for Parent Teacher Consultations Road Safety Workshops this week 	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30 Year 3 – 6 French Day  Non-uniform: children wear red, white and/or blue, and do French themed activities in school.
February				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
2 Times Table challenge week 	3 Parent Teacher Consultations 	4	5 Parent Teacher Consultations 	6 Safer Internet Day 
9 Mental Health Week Activities completed in school 	10	11	12	13 Safer Internet Day  Reading Holiday project shared 

Year 3 Home Learning Ideas

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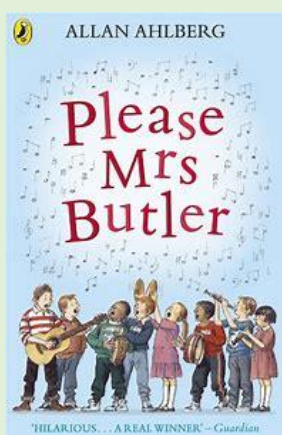


These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term.

Be an Author...

We will be reading 'Please Mrs Butler' by Allan Ahlberg.

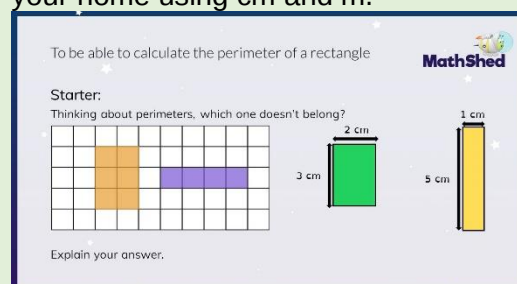
- Research Allan Ahlberg and present information about him in any form.
- Read another book by Allan Ahlberg and write a book review about it.
- Design a front cover for 'Please Mrs Butler' or one of their other books.



Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about length and perimeter along with division and multiplication.

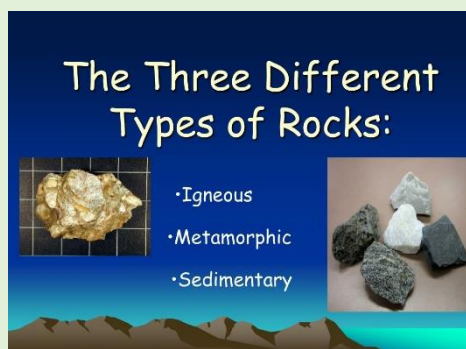
- Investigate numbers and practise addition and subtraction strategies.
- Show how you can find the perimeter of a shape you have measured.
- Measure the length of different objects in your home using cm and m.



Be a Scientist...

We are learning about rocks.

- On a nature walk, see how many different kinds of rocks you can discover.
- Make a poster with information about a certain kind of rock.
- Research which rocks are common in your area.



Be an engineer

We are learning about pneumatics.

- We will explore how pneumatic systems work.
- We will design a model operated by pneumatics.
- We will decorate our models.
- We will test our model and evaluate it.

