

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Autumn B 2025



We hope you had a wonderful break. This half term, Year 3 will be exploring light in science. Learning about light sources, shadows, and how light helps us to see. We'll also be investigating how the position and size of shadows can change and discussing how to stay safe in the sun. In Geography, we'll be focusing on the United Kingdom. Identifying and naming countries, cities, regions, and counties. We'll also learn about the physical features of the UK, including mountains, rivers (like the River Thames), coastal regions, and how land is used across the country.

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). Children will be keeping track of their reading in school.
- Spelling practice online using **Spelling Shed** (1-2 times weekly).
- Times tables practice online using **Times Tables Rock Stars** (1-2 times weekly).
- Optional **Duolingo** to practice French.

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)

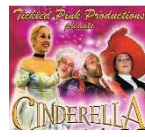


Mrs Smith
(Learning Support Assistant)



Mrs Khan
(Learning Support Assistant)

Key Events and Dates this Half term

November				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3 First Day Back (8.45 a.m. Start)  All Poppy Projects returned to school 	4	5	6	7Flu Vaccination Catch Up day All Tea Towel orders in by today
10	11	12	13	14
17	18	19	20	21
24	25	26	27	28
December				
Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 The Naughty Elf Arrives in School! 	2	3	4	5
8 Year 1 – 6 Christmas Movie Nights 	9 Pantomime Day  Non-uniform – Cinderella OR Christmas themed	10	11 CMS Orchestral Performance 	12
15 Nur/Rec/Year 1 and 2 ARP and Zenden Reindeer Run 	16 Christmas Singalong Day 1 	17 Christmas Singalong Day 2 Christmas Fete 3.30 p.m. – 5.00 p.m. 	18 Christmas Dinner and Jumper Day 	19 Christmas Parties!   Finish at 2.15 p.m.

Year 3 Home Learning Ideas

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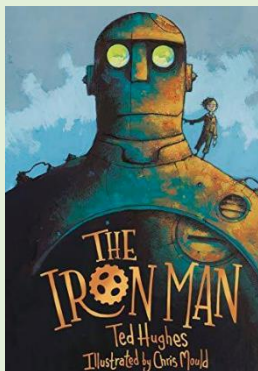


These optional Home Learning ideas are linked to the learning areas covered this half term. Children will be rewarded with Respect tickets for handing in completed tasks or evidence of home learning completed e.g., photographs, emailed to class teachers via the school office.

Be an Author...

We will be reading 'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes.

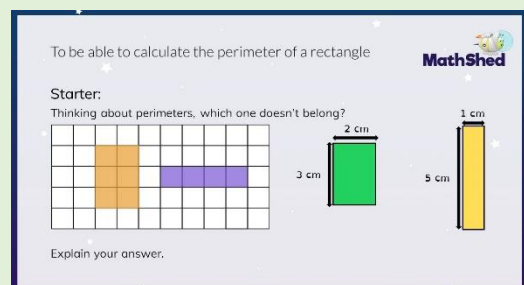
- Research Ted Hughes and present information about him in any form.
- Read another book by Ted Hughes and write a book review about it.
- Design a front cover for 'The Iron Man' or one of their other books.



Be a Mathematician...

We will be learning about addition and subtraction along with length and perimeter.

- 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 light and shadows.

- Research and explain how shadows are formed
- Can you make your own shadows?
- Explain the difference between translucent, transparent and opaque.
- Draw some shadows you can see.



Be a Geographer

We are learning about the U.K and its physical features.

- What countries make up the U.K?
- Can you name any regions of the U.K?
- Identify human or physical features in your local area.
- Make a post with information about the river Thames.

