

Year 3

Autumn Term Newsletter 2026

Jacksdale Primary School

Welcome to Year 3!

We are so excited to begin the new academic year with you. Here is some important information that will help our term to run as smoothly as possible.



Mrs March teaches Year 3 on Monday, Tuesdays and alternate Wednesdays, Mrs Manton teaches alternate Wednesdays, Thursday and Fridays. Mrs Pell is our Teaching Assistant with support also from Mrs Wetton and Mrs Templeton.

★ What are we up to? ★



English

In English we will start by reading 'The Day the Crayons Quizz' by Oliver Jeffers. We will follow on this term by studying the book 'Stone Age boy' by Satoshi Kitamura which will link with our History unit.

In spelling we will start this first term by reviewing and revising high frequency spellings from Year 2 and dipping in to Year 3 spellings for those who are ready. Our web based spelling program -Spelling Shed will really support your child with this. In guided reading we will explore and enjoy several texts together this term. We will start by reading 'Voice in the Park' by Anthony Browne.



Maths

We follow the White Rose scheme for maths and our first unit will be on place value, followed by work on addition and subtraction.

Children will be able to access Times Table Rock Stars at home and will have their log in details shortly.



Topic

Our first history topic is 'Stone Age to Iron Age.' This link fits perfectly with our Science unit on rocks and we will be sending details home soon about a trip and/or workshop to compliment this learning.



In Art we will be exploring and recreating cave paintings.

This half term we will be exploring relationships in PSHE and learning how to greet people in French. Our first unit in computing will be on coding on Purple Mash.



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PE Days in Year 3

Tuesday afternoon - Outdoor session (indoor if bad weather)

Thursday afternoon - Indoor

Please ensure earrings are not worn to school on these days.

Children must come to school in the correct PE kit on these days also - Blue or black shorts/leggings/joggers - White Tshirt - Blue or black plain jumper or hoodie/fleece

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HOW CAN HOME HELP? ★



Reading is such an important life skill, and it is essential that the children are reading regularly at home. This could include their school reading books, magazines, websites – anything at all! Did you know reading at home with your child is the single most important thing you can do to aid their academic success!



We know that weekday evenings are busy, but please try to ensure that the children read at least 3 times a week with an adult at home and this is recorded in their reading planner. We check these every week and award green stamps when this has been completed.



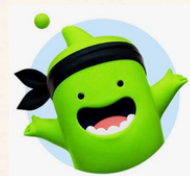
We know that the children really enjoy learning using tablets and phones - Online activities are available for the child to practise times tables and spellings and we would really appreciate your support with this as it consolidates and supports the learning we do in the classroom. We have weekly leaderboards and certificates as an incentive for completing these activities. We recommend little and often - just 10-15 minutes each day where appropriate.



The children will receive passwords for all of the online activities available to them in the first few weeks and these will be stuck in to their reading diaries. Please ensure reading books and diaries are taken to school each day.

Keep in touch!

As always, this term is set to be a very busy one so make sure to keep an eye out for emails and updates on the website and through our whole school newsletter.



Class Dojo is a great way of sharing success between home and school . Thank you all so much for connecting in this way.

Thank you for your support. If you have any questions at the end of a day feel free to ask. We are usually always around for a few minutes when dismissing the class on the playground.

Mrs Manton & Mrs March

