

Year 3 Newsletter

Miss Williams, Mr Bodill and Miss Ellerton

January – February 2026

Welcome back to Year 3! We hope you have all managed to have a lovely two-week break. This half term we have another exciting half-term planned. Our main topics for the half-term are volcanoes and extreme weather.

Writing

In reading this half-term, the children will be reading 'Escape from Pompeii' by Christina Balit. The children will have opportunities to read parts of the text out loud to develop fluency and expression and will answer a range of comprehension questions to show their understanding.

This half term, we will be writing a meeting tale where our character will meet somebody or something new. The children will be focusing on using ambitious vocabulary to describe the setting in their story.

Maths

This half-term, the children will explore the topics of multiplication and division in further detail, learning about subjects such as multiplying and dividing using a formal written method, linking multiplication and division facts and scaling. Once we have finished our multiplication and division topic, we will explore the topic 'length and perimeter'.

Reading:

All children will have their own reading book chosen at their reading level. We would like you to continue to send your child to school each day with it, along with their planner. The children will also get to choose a different book from our class library to read for pleasure. Please take good care of all books sent home.

Please can you make sure that you sign your child's planner at least 3 times a week in order to have their book changed.

Homework

Homework is given out on a Friday on a weekly cycle. Please support your child at home to complete the tasks set.

PE

Neil Armstrong Class: Indoor PE will be on Wednesdays and outdoor PE will be on Thursdays
Delia Derbyshire Class: Outdoor PE will be on Mondays and indoor PE on Wednesdays.

Please continue to send your children to school in their PE kits on their PE days. Please ensure that this is a plain black with black shorts or joggers/leggings. As we are entering the colder months, we would also recommend a plain black hoodie/sweatshirt.

If you have any questions at all, please don't hesitate to get in touch by phone or at the door at home time.

Many thanks,

Miss Williams, Mr Bodill and Miss Ellerton (Year 3 Team)

Important Dates:

- Monday 16th February 2026 – Start of the Half-term holiday
- Monday 23rd February 2026 - Start of Spring 2 term.



You can help by:

Please help your child to recall multiplication facts up to 12 x 12 and division facts as this is a huge focus this year and next.

Below, we have noted a few useful online websites to help your child practise their times tables at home:

<https://ttrockstars.com/>

<https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/>

<https://www.oxfordreadingbuddy.com/uk>

Listening to your child read and sharing stories with them, as well as asking questions about the book. Encourage your child to make predictions about what might happen in a book and to give their opinions on a text, using it to support their answers.

Helping your child with any further research they wish to do on the topics we are covering in school.