

# Year 3 Curriculum Overview

## English

**Spelling** – Weekly spelling tests linked to ‘Emile’ spelling programme and the Year 3 and 4 common exception words.

**Grammar and Punctuation** – Pupils will continue to practise their use of basic punctuation (full-stops, capital letters, question marks, exclamation marks, commas) as well as beginning to use inverted commas (speech marks). They will build upon their understanding of adjectives, verbs, nouns and adverbs.

**Writing** – Pupils will write character descriptions, focusing on appearance, movement and personality. They will learn the features of a diary and what makes writing exciting in adventure stories. Children will write and perform their own poems about ‘fireworks’. They will learn how include dialogue between characters within story writing.

**Chosen Texts** :- *Stone Soup* (Heather Forest), *Stone Age Boy* (Satoshi Kitamura), *Flat Stanley* (Jeff Brown) and *The Polar Express* (Chris Van Allsburg).



## Autumn Term 2026

## Maths

### Place Value

Recognise the place value of each digit in a 3-digit number (100s, 10s, 1s). Compare and order numbers up to 1,000

Identify, represent and estimate numbers using different representations. Read and write numbers up to 1,000 in numerals and in words. Solve number problems and practical problems involving these ideas

### Addition and Subtraction

Add and subtract numbers mentally, including: a 3-digit number and 1s, 10s and 100s, knowing which column the digit will change. Adding and subtracting two 3-digit numbers using the written column method. Finding complements of numbers to 100.

### Multiplication and Division

Recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables

## Religious Education

### **Creation & Covenant**

Children will revisit and remember the first Creation story from Genesis and encounter the belief that human beings are made ‘in the image of God’. Children will also describe stewardship by making simple links between Genesis 1:26-31 and people’s actions today.

### **Prophecy & Promise**

Children explore two key themes: the structure of the Mass and the Nativity in St Matthew’s Gospel. They will focus on the Liturgy of the Word, learning how Christians gather, listen to Scripture, and respond in faith, linking this to Creation themes such as gift and rest. They also study Matthew’s account of the Nativity, recognising Jesus as the fulfilment of Jewish prophecy and the long-awaited Messiah. This topic helps deepen children’s understanding of the Mass and how Scripture is lived and celebrated in the Church, while respecting the diverse experiences pupils bring.

## Science

The children will be learning how to be ‘**Rock Detectives**’ exploring the properties of common rocks and investigating scientific language to describe them. In the second half term, we will find out about ‘**Forces and Magnets**’, learning about forces including pushes and pulls, friction and magnetism.

## Humanities

### History

**Prehistoric Britain:** In History, we will be learning about how life changed from the **Stone Age** through to the Bronze Age and Iron Age. Children will learn about changes in living conditions, daily life, hunting and cooking. They will find out about the improvements in tools and farming when iron was introduced and how people became settled farmers, living on hillforts for protection from other tribes.

### Geography

**Climate Zones:** In Geography, children will learn the names and characteristics of the main climate zones (Arid, Polar, Tropical, Temperate and Mediterranean) and link their weather/temperature patterns to their distance from the equator. They will get to make climate zone dioramas!

## Computing

**Coding** The children will explore how to create an animation using Purple Mash. They will learn what a flowchart is and how it is used for computer programming.

**Touch Typing:** Children will use Purple Mash to begin to familiarise themselves with the keyboard.

### **Online Safety**

Lessons focusing on how we can use the internet safely and what Apps are appropriate for their age

## Music

This term’s focus is ‘Happy C major’.  
The children will:  
- Learn the song ‘Let Your Spirit Fly’.  
- Learn to perform and compose in C major using the Glockenspiel.

## PE & Sport

The children will be recapping on the fundamental skills of sending/throwing. They will practise sending the ball in different directions, knowing the different types of throw and when to use them. This will include team games and developing balance.

## PSHE

In PSHE the children will be thinking about their relationships with others, how they can begin to solve problems for themselves and valuing differences.

## Design & Technology

In D&T, the children will focus on the ‘structure’ unit by designing and making a wooden photo-frame from balsa wood. They will learn how to measure and cut wood safely and join their frame together to make it stable and free-standing.

## Art & Design

In Art, the children will develop their shading and blending skills with pastels and charcoal to create representations of Stonehenge.

## Rich experiences/Trips

The children will take part in a Stone Age workshop where they will see pre-historic artefacts and take part in ‘hunting’ and ‘hut building’ tasks like Stone Age people.