



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter **Autumn Term 2026**

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome to Year 3!

I am so excited to begin the new school year and get to know all of you in my class. Year 3 is going to be full of exciting learning, creativity and new experiences, and I can't wait to get started!

Here is a little look at some of the things we will be learning about this term:



English:

Reading- in reading this term we will continue to develop our fluency and expression through whole class reading and group reading. During our sessions we will apply the VIPER skills (VOCABULARY, INFERENCE, PREDICTION, EXPLAINING, RETRIEVING AND SUMMARISING) to support our comprehension. Children will practise these skills through reading a range of fiction and non- fiction texts.
Children will be sent home with reading books to share at home.

Writing- this term we will be looking at sentence construction and learning all about the features of a sentence. We will then write recounts and stories based on the story 'Stone Age Boy' by Satoshi Kitamura.

Handwriting- We will be recapping the formation of the alphabet and moving onto simple joins.

Spellings- children will revise spelling rules from Year 2 and revise Year 1 and 2 common exception words. We will then move onto the Year 3 spelling rules and look at the Year 3 statutory words. Look-cover-spell-check sheets will be sent home to practice the weekly spelling rule and the children will be tested the following week and at the end of every half term.

Punctuation and grammar- this term we will be recapping full stops, capital letters, exclamation marks, questions marks and the use of a comma after a fronted adverbial. In our grammar lessons, we will be revising conjunctions and expanded noun phrases and using these to write exciting character and setting descriptions.

Maths:

This term we will be focusing on place value with digits up to 1000. We will then move on to addition and subtraction using mental strategies and then onto formal vertical methods. Our final unit this term is understanding what division and multiplication both mean and using various strategies to solve problems.

We will also be looking at our time tables starting with x2, x5, x10 and then moving onto x3, x4 and x8.



Science:

This term we will be investigating Rocks and Soils. Through our weekly sessions we will be planning an experiment, carrying out experiments, comparing data and making predictions.



History:

This term, we will be travelling back in time to explore life in the Stone Age! The children will discover how early humans lived, including what they ate, where they lived and the tools they used. We will explore the fascinating changes that took place throughout the Stone, Bronze and Iron Ages and learn how life gradually developed over thousands of years.

We will be visiting La Hougue Bie to carry out some hands-on history of this period. Our learning will culminate with an arts and crafts Stone Age dress up day.



PSHE:

This term we will be creating our class contract and ensuring that we are all aware of the expectations of learners in Year 3. We will be thinking about the Zones of Regulation to support our emotional well being. The student service team will be delivering the Decider Skills programme to teach children a variety of strategies to support their emotional well being.



Art/DT:

Linking with our History topic, we will be creating cave paintings- foraging and creating our own paints and then finally creating a



realistic representation of a cave painting. This term we will be designing, creating and evaluating our own Stone Age house models.

Music:

The girls will be introduced to the recorder, learn to read music notation, carry out class singing and they will be learning songs for the KS2 Carol Service



PE:

This term the girls will be learning the skills needed to play both tennis and netball. They will be learning how to work as a team and how to persevere.



Drama:

Our focus this term will be working on Choral Speaking Rehearsal and creation for the Jersey Eisteddfod. They will be learning how to work as a group and will build confidence in performance.



ICT:

This term the girls will be focusing on online safety and will be able to research safely using the internet. They will also learn how to create a program using Scratch.



French:

Mrs Ferraby, our specialist French teacher, will deliver weekly sessions where the girls will learn how to say their name, know their numbers up to 12, learn how to greet people, be able to say whether they have brothers or sisters and what parish they live in.



I hope this gives you an insight into life and learning in Year 3. If you have any questions please email me - cassidyg@beaulieu.jersey.sch.uk

Kind regards,
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