



Autumn Term 2026 Curriculum Newsletter



Welcome to Class Pine, 3SS and 3KC.

Welcome back! We hope you have all enjoyed a relaxing and fun-filled summer holiday.

We are delighted to welcome the children to Year 3 and are looking forward to an exciting Autumn Term ahead. In this newsletter, you will find information about what the children will be learning across the curriculum, as well as important dates and reminders for the term.

If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to speak to **Miss Shaw** or **Miss Cecil** at our Somers Park site or **Mrs Del Monte** at our Malvern Vale site at the beginning or end of the school day. Alternatively, you can contact us via the school office email.

We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the Autumn Term.

Reminders and notes

Please bring to school each day:

- Water bottles
- Reading books, reading records and spelling books
- A healthy fruit snack (if they wish for breaktime)

Please remember to:

- Come in smart school uniform or PE kit on PE days
- Label belongings with name and class
- Aim for high attendance and punctuality

Upcoming events and dates

12th October – OPAL Parent Event (1-3pm)

13th & 15th October – Parents Evening

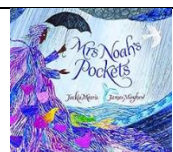
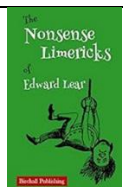
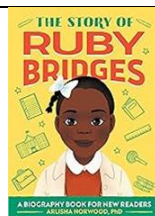
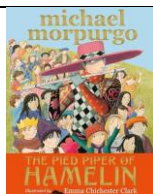
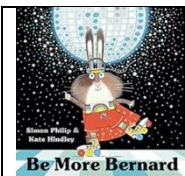
26-30th October – HALF TERM

20th November – INSET day

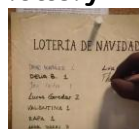
18th December – Last day of term

What we are learning

English - We will be studying the following texts:



Christmas lottery



History – Ancient Egypt and Ancient Civilisations

This term, we shall be looking at this enquiry based question 'Who were the Ancient Egyptians and how do we know about how they lived?' and 'What were the greatest achievements of The Ancient Egyptians?'



Geography



Linked to our History topic we will look at where Egypt is and its climate and geography.

We will be exploring diary writing with Be More Bernard; writing a non-chronological report based on The Pied Piper of Hamelin; creating a newspaper report to re-tell the story of Ruby Bridges; writing limericks inspired by the Nonsense Limericks of Edward Lear; writing a character description of a mythical creature inspired by Mrs Noah's Pockets; creating a non-formal letter from the main character in The Boy who Grew Dragons; writing a powerful story opening based upon the short film Christmas lottery.

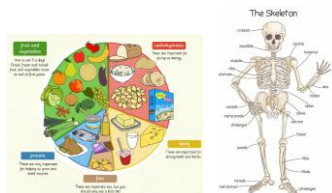
Mathematics

In maths this term we will be looking at place value of numbers to 1000; addition & subtraction, including formal column methods; multiplication and division using practical methods.

We will continue to work on our arithmetic skills, as well as regular reasoning and problem-solving activities.

We will revisit recall of 2,5,10 and 3 times tables and start to learn X 4 and 8.

Science



Animals including humans (nutrition, skeletons, muscles)

We will be revisiting the work from Year 2 on food groups and a balanced diet and then will move onto looking at different types of diets for different people and animals. We will look at the nutritional values on food packaging and drinks bottles.

We will be investigating how humans and other animals need skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement. We will learn the names of the bones and muscles and identify similarities and differences in skeletons of a range of animals.

Art and Design - Gestural Drawing with Charcoal

We will be making loose, gestural drawings with charcoal, and exploring drama and performance. This will be taught after half term in Autumn 2.



DT – Making cheese straws

In the first half of the Autumn term, the children will be designing and making cheese straws for you to taste as part of their food and nutrition unit.

Our focus skill will be making pastry from scratch. This will be taught first in Autumn 1.

Computing

This term the children will be looking at Computing systems and networks. How they can stay safe online. They will use laptops to create documents using word processing and multimedia skills. They will also create mini animations.

PE

On **Mondays** and **Friday** we will be doing PE in 3SS and 3KC

On **Mondays** Pine will be doing PE, and on **Wednesdays** Pine will be doing Forest School.

When the children have Forest School, they will not do outdoor PE for that half-term.

This term 3SS, 3KC and Pine will be covering units in gymnastics/ movement fundamental and outdoor ball skills and small team games (netball, football, rugby, hockey).

Outdoor PE for Willow will be Tag Rugby and hockey, for 6MM and 6GL it will be hockey and netball.

Music

The children will be learning about ballads and creating compositions in response to an animation on the theme of mountains.



We will continue to work scientifically by taking accurate measurements; gathering, recording, classifying and presenting data in a variety of ways; recording findings using simple scientific language, drawings, labelled diagrams, keys, bar charts, and tables

French

In French this term, we will be:

- Locating French cities on a map using the Atlas
- Identifying and matching colours in French
- Introducing names and greetings
- Understanding emotions
- Numbers

PSHE

In our **My Healthy Self** unit we will learn how our minds and bodies are connected and how to take care of them, how to manage difficult emotions and how to identify trusted adults.

Our Connecting with other unit will help us to recognise our strengths, qualities and boundaries and how we can feel safe and included.

RE

We will be asking the questions:

What do Christians learn from the Creation story?

What does it mean to be a Christian in Britain today?

Home Learning

Reading:

Children are expected to **read five nights per week for 20 minutes** and to record this in their Reading Records. Children may record in their reading records themselves if they wish, however could an adult please sign to say that your child has read. If children read 5 times in a **week** they will be entered into the Book Vending Machine Raffle to win a book to take home to keep. Reading Records are checked **every day**. A mixture of fiction & non-fiction and a variety of authors are to be encouraged. Lots of books are recommended in class and the children are also signposted to Malvern Library. They should have their reading books in school **every day**.

Spelling:

Spellings are **handed out each week**; the following week the children will write some dictated sentences in class using some of those words. They will not be given a mark. Children should bring in their Spelling book **every day alongside their reading books**. We want children to use the correct spellings in their work, not just know them for a test, so practising little and often is far better than cramming the night before!

Times Table Rockstars

Your child will bring home a login for TTRS (stuck into their reading records). Times tables will be set at the right level for them. They can practice as often as they like and enjoy earning coins to buy outfits for their Avatar!

PE Information

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Please can children come to school in PE kit including on Forest School days and bring Forest School kit to change into.