



Year 3 Curriculum Overview

Term 1 2026–27

Discover what your child will be learning this term.

English

Writing - The Frog Prince & Prince Cinders

Get ready for a magical term of storytelling inspired by *The Frog Prince* and the hilarious twist in *Prince Cinders*! Children will unleash their imagination by painting vivid pictures through descriptive setting passages, crafting engaging narrative retells, and stepping into characters' shoes with personal diary entries. Children will level up their grammar, punctuation, and editing skills to become confident, independent writers.

Key Vocabulary: Narrative, Setting, Description, Character, Diary, Assessment



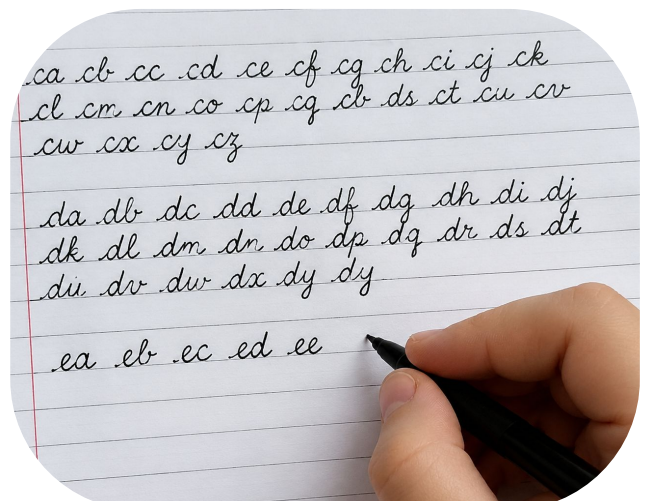
Reading

As children step into Year 3, they will embark on exciting literacy journeys to deepen their reading comprehension through guided reading sessions and library lessons. Children will sharpen their detective skills by mastering inference, predicting unexpected plot twists, summarising rich texts, and analysing how authors use powerful language to bring stories to life.



Spelling and Handwriting

Children will continue to develop accurate spelling and a fluent, legible handwriting style through three spelling lessons and two Letter-join handwriting lessons each week. Weekly spelling words will be sent home each Wednesday and tested the following Friday to encourage regular practice and ignite a love for words!



Maths

Place Value, Addition & Subtraction

Children will plunge into the world of numbers up to 1,000, mastering place value, partitioning, and ordering numbers! They will become math detectives, unlocking powerful mental strategies and formal written column methods to conquer multi-step addition and subtraction problems with speed and precision.

Key Vocabulary: Place value, Partition, Hundreds, Column addition, Subtraction, Exchange



Science

Plants

Our young scientists will dive into the fascinating plant kingdom! Through hands-on investigations, children will discover how roots, stems, leaves, and petals work together to keep plants healthy and growing. Children will track the miraculous life cycle of flowering plants, uncovering the secrets of pollination, seed formation, and seed dispersal!

Key Vocabulary: Roots, Stem, Pollination, Dispersal, Germination, Nutrients, Petal



Computing

Coding, Digital Literacy & Augmented Reality

Children will step into the world of coding by bringing original characters to life through animated interactive stories in Scratch! They will also demystify the futuristic world of Artificial Intelligence, exploring how AI systems process, organise, and spot patterns within large datasets.

Key Vocabulary: Algorithm, Sprite, Loop, Sequence, Data, Artificial Intelligence, Animation



Humanities

The Stone Age

Travel back in time thousands of years to explore the dramatic changes in Britain during the Stone Age! Children will uncover how early humans survived as hunter-gatherers, crafted revolutionary flint tools, and transformed human history by creating Britain's very first permanent farming settlements.

Key Vocabulary: Stone Age, Palaeolithic, Neolithic, Hunter-gatherer, Settlement, Artifact.



Art and Design

Drawing

Our young artists will stretch their creative boundaries by drawing bird's-eye plan views of the school campus, mastering facial proportions with fun caricatures, and recreating authentic prehistoric cave art using rich textures and earth-toned mark-making!

Key Vocabulary: Plan view, Caricature, Proportion, Cave art, Texture, Mark-making.



Design and Technology

Cooking: Fruit Skewers

Our budding chefs will enter the DT kitchen to master essential culinary techniques! Learning safety rules alongside the bridge and claw knife grips, children will safely slice, assemble, and evaluate their own delicious, healthy fruit skewer creations.

Key Vocabulary: Hygiene, Claw grip, Bridge grip, Slice, Skewer, Evaluation, Nutrition.



Music

Singing - 'I've Been to Harlem'

This term, the children will complete a unit based around 'I've Been to Harlem,' a traditional pentatonic song about travelling around the world. They will learn a cup song, explore pentatonic melodies, sing as a round and compose ostinato accompaniments.

Key Vocabulary: Structure, Texture, Phrase, Call & Response, Ostinato, Pentatonic, Improvisation



PSHE

Relationships

This term, children will explore how to build healthy, respectful relationships with family and friends. They will learn about managing strong emotions, being a good friend, resolving disagreements and understanding healthy boundaries. Children will also discuss how to ask for help when they feel worried or uncomfortable and explore simple strategies for staying safe and making positive choices both in person and online.

Key Vocabulary: boundaries, body, consent, emotions, compromise, conflict, resolution



PE and Swimming

Invasion Games and Gymnastics

This term, children will focus on mastering fundamental football skills, including precise passing, close ball control, and confident striking. In gymnastics, children will build short movement sequences while focusing on improving precision, body control, and fluid transitions between actions. This term, children will continue progressing through our Swim Pathways to refine their stroke techniques and build efficient water movement. Lessons will also focus on vital personal survival skills to enhance safety and confidence in and around the pool.

Key Vocabulary: Kicking, Passing, Balance, Jumping, Sequence, Control, Strokes, Water safety.





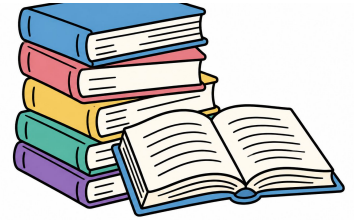
Supporting Learning at Home

Useful websites, activities and ways to help your child.

Make Reading Part of Everyday Life

Encourage your child to read for pleasure, not just as part of their homework. Build reading into your daily routine and choose physical books wherever possible to develop a lifelong love of reading.

Show an interest in what they are reading by asking about the story, characters and what they think might happen next. Talking about books together is one of the best ways to develop confident, enthusiastic readers.



Useful Websites	
English	Key Stage 2 English - Topmarks Search Activities for 5-9 Year Olds
Maths	Primary Students NRICH Times Tables Rock Stars Year 3 Maths Games - IXL
Science	Key Stage 2 Science - Topmarks Search
Humanities	National Geographic Kids
Computing	Scratch Code.org
Art & Design	Tate Kids
Music	Chrome Music Lab
General Learning	DK Learning

Please supervise your child when accessing websites at home and encourage a balanced approach to screen time.

Support Spelling & Handwriting at Home

A few minutes of regular practice can make a big difference. Encourage your child to practise their weekly spelling words in different ways, such as saying, writing, covering and testing themselves, rather than simply copying them out.

Handwriting is also easy to practise at home. Spending just a few minutes writing neatly in pen, focusing on fluent, joined handwriting, will help develop confidence, speed and presentation across all subjects.

