

9th September, 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Autumn 1st Half Term Curriculum Letter

We hope you all had an enjoyable half term and are looking forward to the rest of the term!

Key Dates:

Week beginning Monday 28th September - Black History Month and National Poetry Day.

Tuesday 6th October - Individual photos.

Tuesday 20th October - Year 3 and 4 after school movie event.

Wednesday 21st October - Parents open morning.

Thursday 22nd October - last day of school for children.

Friday 23rd October - INSET day - school is closed to children.

Monday 2nd November - first day of second half of autumn term for children.

English 	First, we will be writing recounts of our Summer Holidays and reminding the children of the basics of writing. Next we will be writing instruction texts including imperative or 'bossy' verbs, titles and subtitles, equipment lists and top tips.
Reading 	Our Terrific Text this half term will be 'Escape to Pompeii' by Christina Balit. We will read the text and practise using retrieval and inference skills by: • using background knowledge to make predictions and connections. • making inferences from the text and justifying inferences with evidence from the text. • giving the meaning of words in context. • summarising the story.
Mathematics 	We will be learning about: • place value of numbers to 100 and 1000. • how to partition numbers in different ways up to 1000. • finding 1, 10 or 100 more or less. • estimating, comparing and ordering numbers up to 1000. • how to count in 50s.
Science 	Our science topic is animals including humans. We will explore:

	- what nutritional needs animals have and that they cannot make their own food. - explore how animals and humans have skeletons and muscles for support, protection and movement.
Foundation subjects: 	Spanish: We will be learning about colours, traditions and celebrations in Spanish. PE: This half-term in indoor PE, we will be exploring how to tell a story through dance. In outdoor PE we will explore passing, intercepting and scoring in Netball. Art: We will be learning about the sculpture of Barbara Hepworth and exploring carving techniques. Humanities: in Geography, we will learn about the causes and effects of earthquakes and volcanoes, the theory of plate tectonics and we will make model volcanoes! Computing: We will be revising online safety and continue to develop typing skills through BBC Dance Mat typing activities. PSHE: We will revise the Queenswell values and explore what makes a good friend, emotions, feelings and families. Music: We will be exploring what makes an orchestra and the role of the conductor. RE: We will explore the big questions of what exists and what is real and the idea of angels.

Things to remember:

Fridays: Spelling test

Thursday: Indoor PE

Friday: Outdoor PE

Tuesday: Homework set on [MyMaths.co.uk](https://www.mymaths.co.uk), Spelling Shed and Times Table Rockstars.

Monday: Homework to be completed by Monday from the previous week.



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Homework expectations:

The general homework expectations are:

- daily reading (20-30 minutes every day) **parent comment** in Reading Record **daily**.
- complete Spelling homework on the Spelling Shed website.
- use Times Table Rockstars at least three times a week.
- complete Maths homework on MyMaths.co.uk

Please ensure that your child brings their **Reading Record into school every day**

Thank you for your ongoing support.

The Year 3 team and Mr Williams