



# Year 3 Newsletter

## Spring Term 2026



Dear Parents/Carers

Welcome to the Year 3 Spring Newsletter.

The children will continue their journey along the Homerswood Pathway Curriculum, which encourages children to grow, be curious and discover.

Below is some information for you about the current/upcoming topics and some useful links to help you support your child with their learning at home.

Subject	Topics covered and how to support your child.
English	<p>We will be using fiction and non-fiction texts to continue working on sentence structure and vocabulary building. We will be focusing on text types and the purposes of different texts to develop our writing in the following areas - narrative setting descriptions, persuasive speeches and personal narratives. Our main texts in our writing will be Alice's Adventures in Wonderland and Stella and the Seagull.</p> <p>We will focus on Spoken language and Reading as well as writing in different forms. We will have daily reading fluency practice, handwriting and spelling sessions to support all. Please continue to read with your child or encourage them to be reading to maintain their love of books.</p> <p><a href="https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/">https://www.spellingshed.com/en-gb/</a></p>
Maths	<p>Topics we will be looking at include: Multiplication and division - 1,2,3,4,5,8 times tables, multiplication strategy, associative and distributive law, multiplication and division worded problems</p> <p>Statistics - pictograms and scaled bar charts</p> <p>Fractions - finding fractions of discrete and continuous quantities, ordering and comparing fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominators, problem solving with unit and non-unit fractions.</p> <p>Geometry and statistics - properties of 2D shapes, perimeter</p> <p><a href="https://www.topmarks.co.uk/">https://www.topmarks.co.uk/</a> <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/maths-primary-year-3/units">https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/maths-primary-year-3/units</a> <a href="https://trockstars.com/">https://trockstars.com/</a></p>
Science	<p>Light - light sources, sun safety, reflective materials, shadows Force and magnets - contact/non-contact forces, how things move on different surfaces, types of magnets, properties of magnets and everyday objects, everyday uses of magnets, magnetic forces at distances</p> <p><a href="https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/science-primary-year-3/units">https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/science-primary-year-3/units</a></p>
Computing	<p>We will be exploring the following topics in Computing: computer systems and creating media in the form of stop frame animations.</p> <p><a href="https://scratch.mit.edu">scratch.mit.edu</a> <a href="https://www.purplemash.com">www.purplemash.com</a> <a href="https://www.thinkuknow.co.uk">www.thinkuknow.co.uk</a> <a href="https://internetmatters.org">internetmatters.org</a></p>
RSHE	<p>This term we will be covering the topics Being responsible and feelings and emotions from our 1Decision scheme of learning.</p>

	<a href="https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-3-l/units/all-around-me-cd61/lessons">https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/rshe-pshe-primary-year-3-l/units/all-around-me-cd61/lessons</a>
History	We will be exploring British history this term, answering the question: Why did the Romans invade and settle in Britain?  <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/history-primary-year-3/units">https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/history-primary-year-3/units</a>
Geography	As part of our Geography learning this term, children will look at the topic: Who lives in Antarctica?  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zs9ydnb">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zs9ydnb</a>
RE	In RE, we will be exploring Christianity and the the big questions: 'How do festivals and worship show what matters to a Muslim?' 'How do festivals and family life show what matters to Jewish people?'  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/z7hs34j</a>
Art	Our focus in Art will be craft and design - Ancient Egyptian scrolls.  Pupils will look at understanding and applying the styles, patterns and techniques of Ancient Egypt through art lessons including designing scrolls, making paper and creating zines  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxv346f">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/subjects/zxv346f</a>
MFL	We will be continuing to look at the French language by looking at the topics of 'Instruments' and 'I am able and I know how'  <a href="https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z78wjhv">https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/articles/z78wjhv</a>
PE	Within each of our PE units we will be looking at the following skills:  Gymnastics - point and patch balances, jumps, straight roll, barrel roll, forward roll Ball skills - track, throw, catch, dribble, kick Dodgeball - throw, catch, dodge, jump  <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/physical-education-primary-year-3-l/units">https://www.thenational.academy/pupils/programmes/physical-education-primary-year-3-l/units</a>
Music	In music, we will continue practising the Ukulele with a few different songs and rehearse in preparation for our Spring Soiree at the end of the term!
DT	In DT, our next topic is going to be Cooking and Nutrition- Eating Seasonally.  <a href="https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/design-technology-primary-ks2-l/units/electronics-simple-circuits-and-switches-2540/lessons?sid-003099=ZraQ2C_1fF&amp;sm=0&amp;src=3">https://www.thenational.academy/teachers/programmes/design-technology-primary-ks2-l/units/electronics-simple-circuits-and-switches-2540/lessons?sid-003099=ZraQ2C_1fF&amp;sm=0&amp;src=3</a>

### Reminders:

- As always, good attendance is essential to maintain good progress.
- If your child is absent for any reason please contact the school office as soon as possible.
- Children can get a new book from our class library whenever they return their previously borrowed book.
- A labelled filled water bottle should be brought into school every day.
- School shoes should be black and preferably children should wear black trainers on P.E days (these are Tuesday and Thursday).

### Home Learning:

- Home learning will be set via Google Classroom at the start of every week.
- Children should be reading regularly at home and reading with an adult 3-4 times per week. Please discuss the texts that your children are reading.
- Please use Times Table Rockstars and Spelling Shed at home to enable your child to continue making progress with their learning.

**Important events:**

- Please check the diary dates on the website for regular updates and any email reminders we may send via arbor.

If you have any questions or concerns or would like to know more information about this term's learning, please feel free to contact us at [year3@homerswood.herts.sch.uk](mailto:year3@homerswood.herts.sch.uk). Also, if the children would like to share things they have done at home/outside of school which is related to their learning, please feel free to email these in too.

Thank you for your continued support,

Mrs McKay and Mrs Fitts