

SUMMER NEWSLETTER - 2026

Please don't hesitate to contact Miss Heaton or Mrs Quarry via Class Dojo if you have any questions regarding your child's learning journey. Thank you for your continued support!

Welcome back to Year 3

Our Curriculum

This half term in Year 3, we will be finishing off our Romans topic, where we will be exploring why they were so powerful. We will be delving deeper into how far their powerful Empire stretched, who were the most successful leaders and what life was like during Roman times. After this, we will begin discussing 'Why London is such a cool place to live?' This Geography topic will allow us to look at human and physical features of London and why these attract such high levels of tourism. This topic links in nicely with our new book, 'The Thames and Tide' by Katya Balen. We will use this book to support us in writing persuasive letters, letters of advice, diary entries, weather reports, advertisements and dialogue.

In Science, we will be exploring the different states of matter (solid, liquids and gases) and investigating sound.

Reading

Reading remains a vital part of learning in Year 3, and we strongly encourage all pupils to read at least five times a week as part of our school's 'Strive for 5' reading scheme. Regular reading helps children to develop fluency, expand vocabulary and improve comprehension skills. When signing their reading records, please can you include, the book title, pages read and a short comment explaining what they have read or understood.

All pupils get the opportunity to choose their own book from the colour level that they are to encourage enjoyment and a love of reading, alongside an Accelerated Reader book. When they finish their Accelerated Reader book, children can complete a comprehension-based quiz.

Thank you for continuing to support reading at home – it truly makes a huge difference to children's confidence and progress.

Some children from our Y3 class will also continue to receive their weekly Chapter 1 reading intervention. This has proven to be very beneficial to their progress.

Homework

Weekly homework will continue to be posted on Class Dojo on a Friday. Children will have set spellings and times tables to learn in preparation for our tests on the following Friday. We encourage children to access Times Table Rockstars at home, the child who accesses it the most each week will receive a special prize.

Completing homework consistently supports the retention of learning, builds independence and helps children develop good study habits. It also plays an important role in preparing pupils for the increased expectations they will face at secondary school. Thank you for your continued support in encouraging children to complete their homework to the best of their ability.

Reminders

PE days - This half term, we will take part in PE sessions on **Wednesdays** and **Fridays**. The children will be working with sports coach, Reece, on their athletic skills in preparation for Sports Day. With me, they will be continuing to practise their striking and fielding skills in rounders ready for their competition in May. Please send your child to school in their full PE kits on these days with appropriate footwear. Any jewellery must be removed or covered before coming to school too.

Snack - Snack for the half term is £6.00. This is payable daily (20p per day), weekly (£1 per week) or in full at the beginning of the half term. Please send all money into school in labelled envelopes (if you need an envelope, ask on the door and we can provide you with one.)

Dinners - Remember to pre-order children's school dinners on **SCOPAY**. For support with this, contact the school office. If your child is on packed lunches, please ensure all products are **banana and nut free** as we have confirmed allergies in school. Please try to order dinners alongside your child at home to ensure they like what has been ordered for them.

Uniform - Please ensure that your child comes to school in their correct Distington uniform with an appropriate jacket for break and lunch times. All uniform must be labelled with your child's name to prevent any mix-ups or anything going missing.

Empowering Learning

This half term, our focus is on becoming **Reflective Learners**. We are encouraging children to always complete tasks to the best of their ability, going back and checking/editing their own work. Also, we are supporting children to evaluate which factors help them learn and which factors stop them from learning, encouraging them to make positive choices both academically and regarding their behaviour, so they are able to reach their full potential. Being a Reflective Learner is about being able to organise individual learning, so in Y3, we are focussing on organising instructions, starting with the most important first. This ensures that we are able to complete all our work effectively and successfully.

Don't miss out!

Please continue to regularly check our class and school DOJO pages for updates on your child's learning/education. Key dates and reminders will also be set on Class Dojo.

Further information about our class activities, curriculum and school life can be found on Class Dojo and our **NEW** school website, which includes our Year 3 class page. Don't forget to check them out!