



Teacher Newsletter

Year Three Autumn Term 2026



Welcome to Year 3

We are really looking forward to our first term with Year Three. They are settling well into KS2, adjusting to new routines and expectations. We have many exciting topics to explore, including Settlements, Hinduism and Prehistory. We hope that the children enjoy them and that you can come and see their learning at Book Look! We have an emphasis on reading for pleasure, so please join us to encourage your child to read anything they enjoy including magazines, comics and audiobooks! We will be introducing our Year 3 Book Bingo which will be stuck in your child's reading record.

We hope to see many of you at our 'Through the Keyhole' meetings at 2.45pm on Wednesday 16th September for Elm Class and 2.45pm on Thursday 17th September for Fir Class. During this session, we will be sharing more information about our curriculum and providing an insight into a typical day in Year 3. Slides will be uploaded onto the school website to refer to.

Staff:

Elm

Mrs Thomas

Fir

Miss Turner

Mrs Earley works across Year 3.

Support staff are subject to change throughout the year.

Mr Harrison teaches us PE on Mondays and Miss Toms teaches us French on Tuesdays.

Elm will have recorder lessons with Miss Larbey on Thursday this term

PE

PE kits need to come into school every Monday. They will be sent home for washing each Friday.

Earrings must be taped or removed before P.E. lessons.

PE Days: Elm Class – Monday and Wednesday

Fir Class – Monday and Friday

PE Kit

Plain t-shirt in house colour

Black shorts

Black jogging bottoms or shorts

Black plain jumper

Suitable trainers (not plimsolls)

Reminders

All children should have a coat and water bottle in school every day.

Library Day- Library will be on a Wednesday (Elm) and Friday (Fir)

Please only send library books in on this day.

Snack: Please provide your child with a morning snack of fruit or vegetables.

Packed Lunches- If your child has a packed lunch, please remember we are a nut free school.

Reading

At Redbourn Primary, we prioritise giving children regular opportunities to read aloud in school. Each child will be heard to read their banded reading book at least once a fortnight.

Please help your child by ensuring they bring their banded reading book and reading record into school every day, as this means they may also have the chance to read with additional adults. Children are welcome to change their reading book as soon as they have finished it.

When reading you can ask your child to:

- discuss the meaning of words in context
- ask questions to improve understanding of a text
- talk about characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence
- predict what might happen

Home Learning

- No more than 60 minutes a week should be spent on Home Learning tasks, plus daily reading.
- Logins can be found in your child's Reading Record.
- Hear your child read- ideally 10 minutes daily
- Shared or independent reading of other books
- At least weekly access on Reading Eggs
- X 3 per week Times Tables Rock Stars
- Weekly spellings – linked to spelling sessions and the Y3/4 Common Exception Words.
- Task from White Rose Maths Practice Journal.

Maths and spellings will be set on a Friday, to be returned by Wednesday.

THRIVE Values

Autumn A: Teamwork

We are a team. We are honest and trustworthy. We are effective listeners and communicators. We co-operate with one another. We are helpful and we show empathy.

Autumn B: Healthy

We are healthy. We look after our physical and mental wellbeing. We are happy, we are resilient and we have a growth mindset.