# Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter – Autumn 2 2026

Dear Parents/Carers,
We are so proud of the children in Year 3, they have all settled well into Year 3. It is a big transition and they are working hard every day and impressing us all. Keep up the hard work, you are brilliant!

**Learning Challenge:**
Our learning challenge is 'What do rocks tell you how the Earth was formed?'

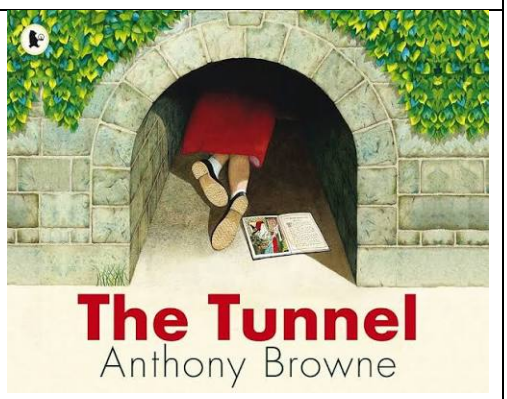
Maths- We'll be starting with multiplication and division this term where the children will consolidate what the children learnt in Year 2 around equal groups, arrays, sharing and grouping. We'll also continue to focus on our multiplication facts based on the 2s, 5s, 10s and 3s as well being introduced to the 4 and 8 times-table. Following on from this, the children be looking at fractions where they will understanding denominators and numerators of unit and non-unit fractions. We will then use this knowledge to understand equivalent fractions and compare non-unit fractions as well as order them.

**Times Tables - We will be practising times tables throughout the year. It is vital that your child knows them quickly and confidently. They will need to know the 2, 5, 10, 3, 4, 8 and 11 times tables by the end of the year.** To help your child learn the times tables and the related division facts, they will need lots of practise at home too. They have been given a **TT Rock stars** login to help them with this. You can use free resources at home such as **Hit the Button.**




Log into TT Rockstars to support your child with their multiplication

In **English** we are starting a new book called 'The Tunnel' by Anthony Browne.
The children will be using familiar features from their first piece of writing. We will be making sure all children are consistent with using capital letters, finger spaces and full stops. Our last piece of writing focused on adjectives and nouns, so we want to make sure this is embedded by using the same writing features. We will also be teaching the children some new writing features for their piece of writing.
We will continue to answer reading questions throughout the book, focusing on retrieval, which is an important skill in Year 3.




**Year 3 PE** days are **Monday** and **Friday**
It is vital that your child wears their correct PE clothing which is a plain white t-shirt, black leggings or jogging bottoms with trainers or pumps. They can wear their school jumper too and must come to school in their PE kits. Earrings and jewellery are **not** to be worn due to Health and Safety.

**Computing –** We are continuing Computing with eSafety, where we will learn about our 'digital footprint'. We will be continuing with our coding topic, where the children will explore timers, the repeat command and the importance of nesting code.

**RE –** The children will be continuing their learning from last half term. The children will also learn about Christmas.

**Science –** We will be learning about rocks, fossils and soil. The children will compare different types of rocks, learn how fossils are formed and investigate what soil is made from.

**Geography-** This term our learning challenge is 'What do rocks tell you about how the Earth was

formed?'

This will be linked to Geography where children will explore the layers of the Earth including tectonic plates. We will look at how volcanoes are formed and what causes eruptions as well. We will be labelling volcanoes and discussing why people live next to them. We will then have a debate around the pros and cons of living next to a volcano.

**PSHE-** We will continue to focus on healthy habits and physical wellbeing. We will develop an understanding of how positive everyday choices can help keep our bodies and minds healthy. We will be covering the importance of keeping physically active, getting enough sleep and rest. We will also look at maintaining good personal hygiene.

**Music-** Hear it, Play it! Exploring rhythmic patterns. We will be using rock and roll to explore rhythm and learn the value of musical notes. We will be responding to music and talking about it as a class.

**Home learning**

Thank you for your fantastic effort and support with Year 3 home learning. The children are really proud of their fantastic work they create with you. **Thank you for your continued support from all the staff in Year 3.**