

Class 3 Autumn Term Newsletter 2025



Welcome back! We hope you had an amazing summer and are fully rested ready for the busy term ahead.

Teaching in Class 3: Ms Chapman will continue to be the class teacher. Bob will be teaching the class Tuesday afternoons. The class is supported by Mrs Mason, Mrs Court and Mrs Matheson.

PE Lessons are scheduled to take place on Monday afternoons and Wednesday morning for Year Three. A light waterproof and spare socks are strongly advised during the winter months as P.E. sessions still go ahead if it is raining. Trainers are also essential - pupils are not allowed to wear school shoes for P.E. **Please try to have PE kits in school every day as session times may change on short notice.**

Swimming will take place every Wednesday morning for Year Four from 17th September for 6 weeks. A separate letter has been sent regarding kit required for each lesson and travel arrangements.

If your child cannot participate in the PE lessons please either send a note or email the class 3 email account.

Water bottles should be clearly named and only contain water. Bottles can be refilled in school throughout the day. Please ensure bottles do not need the lid removing in order to drink from.

Book Bags should be in school everyday. Children can store these in their trays. There is no storage available for rucksacks in the new cloakroom. Packed lunches can be stored in the classroom.

Reply slips and payments can be placed in the green classroom box before the morning register is taken. Please check bags regularly for letters.

Homework: Pupils are set the main homework on a Monday, this should be handed in by the following Monday. Pupils are asked to complete IDL regularly alongside TT Rock Stars. Short sessions of both of these are most effective. The children will be practicing these in school as well.

Homework club is held on Tuesday lunchtimes. Children can complete homework during these sessions or at home. Ms Chapman is available to help or answer any questions at this point.

Spellings are tested and new words are set on a Monday. Students will have a set of 5 or more words to learn. These are based on the spelling rule we are exploring in school. Spellings should be practised little and often; strategies for this are learned in school. The children will also be learning the spellings from the Year 3 and 4 statutory spelling list, practising these at home is also hugely beneficial.

Regular reading is an essential aspect of learning. Pupils are expected to read regularly at home, reading daily to an adult for around ten minutes. This should be recorded in reading records alongside any notes on the reading (particular discussions, tricky words etc.). Parents are asked to record reading in the reading diaries rather than children writing a comment themselves. Reading to an adult is invaluable in order to help comprehension of the story, character's behaviour, thoughts and actions and new vocabulary. In school, children will read to an adult every week in a guided reading session. Children may also be heard read on a 1-1 basis intermittently. Reading books will be changed by myself but children will be encouraged to hand their books in when they have finished them, this increases their independence and encourages the children to take responsibility for some of their learning.

Contact: If you have any questions, queries or concerns, please feel free to contact me at class3@levens.cumbria.sch.uk and I will get back to you as soon as possible. Urgent queries or information, including drop-off and pick-up arrangements, should be sent to office@levens.cumbria.sch.uk as the class email account is not monitored daily. I am often available at the end of the school day for a brief chat if you have any questions or concerns. You can also keep up with our learning in school by visiting our website blog and our class page.

Curriculum Overview:

Maths: We start the year by looking at place value, following this we will look at addition and subtraction including written methods. We will then move on to looking at multiplication and division and finish the term by looking at area.

English: This term we will look at poems by the author Allan Ahlberg, performing these and writing our own versions. We will produce non-fiction reports about Roman soldiers and also look at diary writing.

Science: We cover two different science topics this term. We begin the term by light, this will include shadows, reflections and safety in the sun and will include lots of experiments. After half term, we will move onto sound and look at sound waves, pitch and volume.

Topic: The Romans will be our focus for this term and will include a trip to Vindolanda and The Roman Army Museum (more details to follow.) We will examine the Roman Empire and what the impact of the Romans was on Britain.

SCARF: SCARF stands for the values we uphold in school - Safety, Caring, Achievement, Resilience and Friendship. In explicit teaching sessions we will cover topics under the themes of 'Me and my relationships' and 'Rights and responsibilities'.

PE: This half term Year Four will be looking at confidence in the water and water safety along with learning and developing different swimming strokes. Year Three will be learning some team games. and rugby will be taught to the whole class.

Computing: We will be looking at audio editing and recording sound in the first half term, which enhances our science topic. After half term we will be learning about data logging, collecting data and recording it.

RE: Our Christian Value for this term is peace. Our topics in the autumn term are Harvest, examining how different faiths celebrate harvest. Following this we will look at Christmas, in particular how the presence of Jesus impacts on people's lives.

D&T: Our first Dand T topic will be pavilions. Later on in the term we will work on adapting recipes and working to budgets.

Art: Art this term we will be making clay relief tiles and creating our own block prints as well as looking at expressive mark making and the work of Vincent Van Gogh.

French: We will be learning basic conversational French and learning numbers to 20 and the names of some classroom objects.

Trips for the year 2025-26 for Class 3

These are the trips which are planned for the academic year, but please note there may be additions and changes to this. News of all trips and events will be published on the website and via parent/carer letters.

<u>Autumn</u>	<u>Spring</u>	<u>Summer</u>
Vindolanda and Roman Army Museum (Letter already supplied)	Viking and Anglo-Saxon workshop Woodmatters (approximately £23)	Rivers fieldtrip- Levens Park (No cost)
Team building and outdoor activity day at Great Tower (Letter already supplied) Whole school theatre trip (approximately £12.80)		Brathay activity day (approximately £15)