

Class 3 Autumn Term Newsletter 2026



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

Teaching in Class 3: Mrs Garvey will be teaching the class four days a week, whilst other staff in school take the lead in Class 3 on Thursdays. The class is supported by members of our fabulous team of teaching assistants.

Further information about arrangements for this coming year will be shared at the Class 3

Welcome Meeting for Parents and Carers next Wednesday 9th September at 3.30pm. Please come along if you can – I am very much looking forward to meeting you.

PE Lessons are scheduled to take place on Wednesday mornings (if your child is not swimming) and Thursday afternoons. 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 from 9th September for 6 weeks for Year Four pupils only. The children will be allocated either the first or second group and attend for 3 sessions. An email was sent to parents this afternoon confirming which group your child is in. 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.

A **healthy snack** (raisins, breadsticks, rice cakes, fruit etc.) for morning break and a water bottle (with a name label) are key to keeping students full of energy. Students may refill their bottles in school as often as they like and are given opportunities and reminders to drink throughout the day. As water bottles are often dropped or knocked over, large and expensive bottles or those without a secure lid (e.g. Stanley cups or insulated flasks) are not appropriate. They will come home at weekends for cleaning.

Book Bags should be in school every day. Children can store these on their pegs in the cloakroom. Packed lunches can be stored on the trolley in the cloakroom too.

Reply slips and payments can be placed in the classroom box before the morning register is taken. Please check bags regularly for letters, although most of our communication now comes via ParentPay, email or text.

Homework: 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. 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.

Children will also have a spelling task to complete and need to access some of our online learning platforms regularly such as TTRockstars, IDL and Mathletics.

Activities linked to our wider curriculum including science, geography, history and art will be set periodically.

More information regarding expectations will be covered in detail at the class welcome meeting.

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: This term we shall be covering 4 units. They are place value, addition and subtraction, area and multiplication and division.

English: This term we will be completing a range of fiction and non-fiction writing including letters, character descriptions, poetry, information texts based on the following books How to Wash a Woolly Mammoth, Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age, Stone Age Boy, The First Drawings and The Tooth Book

Science: We cover all about animals including humans this term. This includes nutrition, skeletons, muscles, digestive system and teeth

Topic: Changes in Britain from the Stone Age to the Iron Age. The children will also be visiting Castlerigg Stone Age Circle and Keswick Museum on Monday 19th October – details will be shared very soon!

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 we will be looking at Invasion games and skills as well as dance and gymnastics.

Computing: We will be looking at connecting computers and the internet. We will explore how digital devices work and how they help us, how information is shared on the internet and if it is real or not.

RE: Our Christian Value for this term is service. Our topics in the autumn term are Called By God and Light. We will discuss what it means to be called by God and why Jesus is described as the light of the world.

D&T: Our first D and T topic will be food: eating seasonally. This will take place in Autumn 2. More information will follow closer to the time.

Art: Art will focus on two topics this term, both of these link perfectly with our history unit. We will be exploring Early-man cave paintings and creating drawings and painting of stone circles based on Castlerigg and Stonehenge.

French: We will be learning parts of the body and speaking in a café. The children will be able to name some parts of the body, state colours, simple plural forms, order food and discuss prices.

Proposed trips for 2026-27

Throughout the year, the children will have lots of opportunities to expand, enrich and bring their learning to life through a range of exciting trips, visits and workshops. These experiences will provide opportunities for children to explore new ideas, develop their skills and deepen their understanding beyond the classroom.

Date	Trip	Approximate Cost
19.10.26	Castlerigg & Keswick Museum	£16
4.12.26	Cinderella Theatre Trip with ice-cream	£12
Spring term 2027	Bowness on Windermere Trip	£12
	Animation workshop	£20
Summer term 2027	White Scar Cave Trip	£20
	Grand Mosque Trip	£20
	Brathay Activity Day	£10
	Kendal Castle	£10

Please note that the information above is indicative only. All prices are estimates and may change. Trips & events, particularly sporting events, may be added, changed or cancelled as the year progresses. Thank you for your anticipated understanding.

Looking forward to working with you and your children this year,

With my best wishes,

Mrs Garvey and the Class 3 Team!