



# Year 3 - Summer Term 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome back to the new Summer Term in Year 3! We had a very enjoyable Spring Term with the children and hope they did too! This newsletter will outline all of the exciting learning we have planned for your child for the Summer Term.

## Curriculum

### English

This term in English, we will be continuing to be basing our fiction and non-fiction learning around a range of stories.

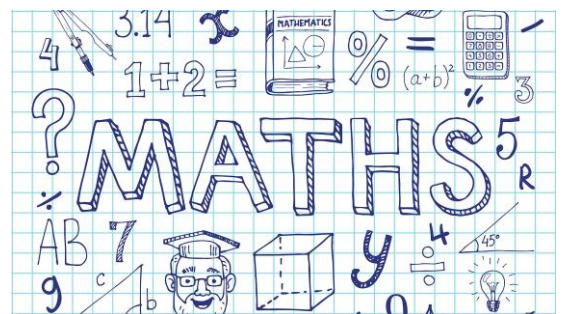


The children will be reading a story called 'Charlotte's Web' by E.B. White and will be developing their reading and writing skills by analysing the story and completing some writing in the role of a character. Other English units that will be taught are based on the stories 'The Mysteries of Harris Burdick' by Chris Van Allsberg and Zainab Mian's 'Planet Omar'. If you would like for your child to read similar texts alongside these stories, we suggest the following: 'Into the Forest' by Anthony Browne and 'The Steadfast Tin Soldier' by Hans Christian Andersen.

### Mathematics

In mathematics, the children will continue to consolidate the skills learnt this year and we will cover:

- Number and Place Value
- Addition and Subtraction
- Multiplication and Division
- Fractions



- Measurement
- Geometry and Properties of Shape
- Time
- Statistics



### Science

In science, the children will be learning about 'Light'. Within this topic, they will be learning about different light sources and how light is reflected, through various practical experiments.

### History and Geography

Our history and geography learning this term will be based on the Ancient Greeks. The children will learn about the beliefs of the Ancient Greeks and will include lessons based on their culture and religious beliefs. Additionally, they will learn about battles that took place during this period and their weaponry and armour.



### Other messages

#### Homework

As you are aware, we have recently changed our homework expectations due to feedback from families. This term, your child will be expected to complete the following homework weekly:

- Reading daily with an adult and recording this in Pupil Planners.
- Learning spellings (set on a Monday and tested on a Friday).
- Year 3 Grammar CGP book - teachers will specify which pages each week.
- Year 3 Mathematics CGP book - teachers will specify which pages each week.
- Year 3 Comprehension CGP book - teachers will specify which pages each week.
- Additional handwriting tasks.
- Weekly practise of specific multiplication tables.
- Optional further practise of core skills through Reading Plus, TTRS and Mathletics online.

### Further study

For those of you requiring further recommendations for study at home this term, we would direct you to the following titles:

- CGP Key Stage 2 Study Book - Ages 7-11. This text is available for: English; Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling; Mathematics and Science.
- CGP Year 3 10-Minute Tests. This text is available for Grammar, Punctuation and Spelling; Science; Multiplication and Division; Problem Solving; Addition and Subtraction and Fractions.

There is also Summer Term optional extension homework on our year group page.

### School Uniform and PE Kit

We would like children to continue to wear their PE kits on their allocated PE kits days (Tuesday and Thursday for 3B and 3C. Tuesday and Friday for 3L). Thank you for ensuring that the children were correctly dressed in the Spring Term. Please remember that long hair must be tied back and jewellery should not be worn. It is important to wear the correct school uniform every day and ensure that appropriate school shoes are worn. We do not permit black trainers, boots or leggings.

### Snacks

As part of Hillingdon Healthy Schools, we have established healthy rules in our everyday routines. These include children bringing in a personal water bottle (named) that contains water only. At snack times, we encourage children to bring a healthy fruit or vegetable snack. Part of our healthy lifestyle education is to teach children that what they put into their bodies affects how they function and behave at school.



We are very much looking forward to this term and hope that your children are too. To increase your awareness of vocabulary linked to the topic that your child will be learning, the key vocabulary lists have been attached to this document.

As well as this, you will find the key vocabulary list for the term as well as a knowledge mat on the school website within your child's year group page.

If you have any questions or concerns about your child's progress or welfare, please do not hesitate to contact us. Please use your child's Pupil Planner for any messages for the class teacher; alternatively, you can email the Year 3 staff on the follow email address - [year3@whitehalljunior.org](mailto:year3@whitehalljunior.org) and we will endeavour to answer any questions as quickly as we can.

We are looking forward to a lovely term ahead.

Yours sincerely,

Mr Jones, Mrs Perez, Mrs Azeem, Mx Spacey-Magean and Mrs Broderick.

Year 3 Class teachers

### Year 3 Summer Term Key Vocabulary

#### Science - Light

Word	Meaning
reflect	to cast back (light, heat, sound, etc.) from a surface
surface	the outer face, outside, or exterior boundary of a thing; outermost or uppermost layer or area
transparent	having the property of transmitting rays of light through its substance so that bodies situated beyond or behind can be distinctly seen.
translucent	permitting light to pass through but diffusing it so that persons, objects, etc., on the opposite side are not clearly visible:
opaque	not transparent or translucent; impenetrable to light; not allowing light to pass through
shadow	a dark figure or image cast on the ground or some surface by a body intercepting light

#### History - Ancient Greeks

Word	Meaning
civilisation	A society in an advanced state of social development (e.g., with complex legal and political and religious organisations)
Hellas	The Greek name for Greece.
philosophy	The rational investigation of questions about existence and knowledge and ethics
warrior	Someone engaged in or experienced in warfare
actor	A theatrical performer

athlete	A person trained to compete in sports
architecture	The discipline dealing with the principles of design and construction and ornamentation of fine buildings
politician	A person who campaigns for or holds a position in government or is engaged in civil administration
democracy	A political system in which the supreme power lies in a body of citizens who can elect people to represent them
empire	A monarchy with an emperor or empress as head of state  A group of countries under a single authority
slave	A person who is owned by someone and forced to obey
culture	All the knowledge and values shared by a society
trade	The commercial exchange (buying and selling on domestic or international markets) of goods and services  The skilled practice of a practical occupation
invasion	The act of invading; the act of an army that invades for conquest or plunder
archaic	So extremely old as seeming to belong to an earlier period
temple	Place of worship consisting of a building for the worship of a deity
city-state	A state consisting of a sovereign city
government	The system by which a community or other political unit is governed
law	The collection of rules imposed by authority
conquer	Take possession of by force, as after an invasion
language	A systematic means of communicating by the use of sounds or conventional symbols
vote	Express one's choice or preference by vote
legend	A story about mythical or supernatural beings or events
myth	A traditional story accepted as history; serves to explain the world view of a people
discovery	The finding or uncovering of something.
mercenary	A person hired to fight for another country than their own
God	Any supernatural being worshipped as controlling some part of the world or some aspect of life or who is the personification of a force.  A god is a supreme being or deity, and it's spelled with a lowercase g when you're not referring to the God of Christian,

	Jewish, or Muslim tradition. The ancient Greeks had many gods including Zeus, Apollo, and Poseidon.
immortal	Not subject to death
acropolis	The citadel in ancient Greek towns
agora	The marketplace in ancient Greece
Hoplite	A heavy-armed foot soldier of ancient Greece.
marathon	A foot race of 26 miles and 385 yards
oligarchy	A political system governed by a few people
orator	A person who delivers a speech or oration
peninsula	A large mass of land projecting into a body of water
ostracism	The act of excluding someone from society by general consent
rite	Any customary observance or practice
serf	A person who is bound to the land and owned by the feudal lord
scholar	A learned person; someone who by long study has gained mastery in one or more disciplines  Someone (especially a child) who learns (as from a teacher) or takes up knowledge or beliefs
tragedy	An event resulting in great loss and misfortune
tradition	A specific practice of long standing
reason	A rational motive for a belief or action
allegiance	The act of binding yourself (intellectually or emotionally) to a course of action  The loyalty that citizens owe to their country (or subjects to their sovereign)
assembly	A group of persons who are gathered together for a common purpose
tyrant	In ancient Greece, a ruler who had seized power without legal right to it