

Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

Spring Term 1 2026

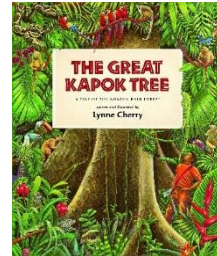


Dear parents and carers,

Happy New Year and we hope you all had a wonderful Christmas.

Literacy

In Literacy, we will be learning about the book 'The Great Kapok Tree'. The children's final written outcome will be to write and perform a persuasive speech to stop the man from cutting down the tree. While studying this text, we will be practising how to use fronted adverbials, write in paragraphs and considering how to change our tone and intonation when reading and performing aloud.



During our daily guided reading lessons, we will be focusing on improving our understanding of what we read. This will include summarising; inferring meaning and characters' feelings; making predictions; and discussing how different language, structure and presentation choices contribute to meaning and capture the reader's interest.



Every week we will have a guided reading theme, so the children are able to read a variety of different fiction and non-fiction texts. We will also begin reading our new class book; The Griffin Gate.

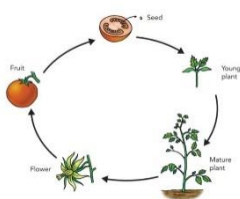
In order to keep developing our reading skills and love of reading, it is really important to **read at home** regularly. Research shows that 15 minutes reading per day can equate to reading one million words per year.

Mathematics

This term children will be learning to multiply two-digit numbers using a formal written method. Children will also learn to measure in metres, centimetre and millimetres and solve problems involving measure.



There will be a continuous focus on times-tables. It is important that the children practise their times-tables regularly at home. This will help them with their mathematical fluency - which will help in many areas of maths. We will be focusing on the 4x, 3x, and 8x tables this term.



Science

In science, the children will be exploring and learning about the different parts of plants; what they need to grow; how they transport water and understanding the life cycle of flowering plants.

PE

This term we are continuing PE with Mrs Boyle where we will be learning gymnastics while continuing to develop our fitness. We also have a golf coach four sessions this half term. 3DL and 3C have PE on **Monday** and **Thursday**. Children must come to school in PE kit on these days.

History

In our History topic we are learning about the Neolithic period in Jersey including the Dolmens and La Hougue Bie.

Jigsaw

Our Jigsaw piece this half term is Dreams and Goals. We will consider how we can be resilient in challenging situations and how we can collaborate to achieve our goals.



RE

In RE we are learning about Islam and how festivals and worship show what matters to Muslims.



DT

This term will be doing market research and considering the best materials and designs to make plant pot covers. We will apply what we learn in art to help us to do some simple sewing.

Art

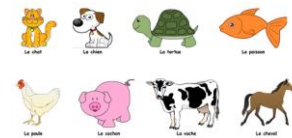
We will be learning about different textiles and creating a piece based on Mark Quinn's Winter Garden creating embroidered flowers.

Computing

In computing this term, we will be using J2E to learn coding and create a project using visuals and sounds.

French

In French we will be revising our learning on classroom objects and numbers. We will then be learning the French names for animals.



Homework will continue to be given **every Monday**, and due the following Monday. This will include spellings and maths.

We hope that this information gives you an insight into the learning and activities for Year 3 this half-term. If you do have any questions, please do not hesitate to ask or email your child's class teacher.

Kind Regards,

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