



## Year Three Newsletter January, 2025



**Welcome** - Hello everyone and a big welcome to the new Spring Term in 2025!

**Website Reminder** - To keep you up to date with useful and helpful information regarding dates and activities, as well as with your child's learning, achievements and progress, we will be continually updating our website throughout the term. To access this information, make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: [www.oldcleepprimaryacademy.co.uk](http://www.oldcleepprimaryacademy.co.uk) then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 3.



**Social Media Reminder** - We are using our school media accounts more frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy), to see what the children have been up to!

### Curriculum

This term, during Maths, Year 3 will be focusing on angles, manipulating the additive relationship and securing mental calculation, column addition, 2,4 and 8 times tables and column subtraction.

In English, the children will be given many opportunities to read, both in our Bug Club sessions and within our class ERIC time. Our focus book for the first part of the term will be 'The Beasties' by Jenny Nimmo and we will then be moving onto: 'Interview with a Tiger & Other Clawed Beasts Too' by Andy Seed. We will be taking part in many discussions, drama and writing activities based on these texts.

In addition to this, we are looking forward to covering a broad range of curriculum areas over the term.

Within Art, our focus skills will be on painting, with emphasis on the artist Wassily Kandinsky.

During Design Technology lessons, we will be learning about hydraulics and making a toy that moves through the force of water.

During computing lessons, we are using programs such as Microsoft Word and PowerPoint.

History will take us on a journey through The Roman Empire and their impact on Britain! We will be delving more into the chronology of these times in History and the important events that happened.

In Geography, we will be learning all about places across the world such as Europe and our local area as well as understanding about erosion, deposition and earthquakes and volcanoes.

In RE, we will be talking about the community and life journeys of the Christian faith and we will be comparing this to what was learnt about the Muslim faith last year.

Lastly, throughout our Personal Development lessons, we are going to be continuing our learning on how to be a SUPERB citizen.



**Homework, Spelling, Times tables and KIRFS** - Each week, your child will be given a list of 5-10 spellings to learn. Please support your child and help them to learn these words, so that they can apply them within their writing.

Every two weeks, your child will also be given, and expected to learn, a set of Maths KIRFs (Key Instant Recall Facts).

We will also continue to develop children's times tables knowledge through Rockstars. Times tables knowledge and recall is vital as it assists practically all areas of maths. Each week the children will have a specific times table area to learn which we will also work on in class, so please encourage them to practise these at home.

New spellings and times tables will be given out each week on the testing day and tested the following week. Thank you for your continued support with this.

**P.E.** - Year 3 P.E. sessions will be every **Tuesday (3BB), Wednesday (3AA & 3CW) and Thursday (3BB, 3AA & 3CW)**. It is still important that children come to school wearing their PE kit on these days (plain black or navy kit only). Please check your child's Home School Contact book for uniform information. Jewellery will also need to be removed prior to the P.E. session for health and safety reasons – this cannot be done by a member of staff or another child in the class, so please manage this at home.



**Water** - We recommend that all children bring a clearly labelled water bottle in to school daily. This must contain fresh water only. For hygiene reasons, they must be taken home, washed and refilled daily. They can be refilled during the school day but anything other than water will not be allowed to be consumed unless you can provide written medical evidence from your GP. On receiving this you will then need to fill in a Medical Health Care plan. See section 4. If your child has a packed lunch a second drink should be included. However, no fizzy drinks are allowed to be brought into school. Children having school lunches will be provided with water.

### Dates for your Diary

**Every Tuesday (3BB), Wednesday (3LR&3CW), Thursday (all classes) – P.E.**

**Every Friday:** Testing and new spellings and times tables given out.

**Wednesday 26<sup>th</sup> February** – Romans Workshop visitor

Kindest Regards,  
The Year Three Teaching Team.



