



Year Three Newsletter September, 2025



A **HUGE** welcome to you all from Mrs Airey and Miss Blake. We hope you are excited to be back at school after such a long time away! Already, the Year Three team have been impressed with how quickly the children have settled back in to school life – what little superstars already!

Website Reminder

We will be updating our website with useful and helpful information such as copies of homework and pictures of the children learning. Make sure you visit the class pages on the academy website regularly. Find us at: www.oldcleepriamaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and 'Year 3'.

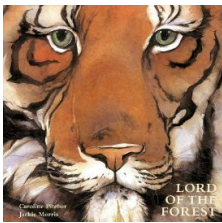


Social Media Reminder

Remember you can follow us on Facebook (@Old Clee Primary Academy), to see what the children have been up to! Please also send pictures of children's personal achievements in and we will endeavour to post these on our page too.



Curriculum



This term, during Maths lessons, Year 3 will be focusing on addition and subtraction and numbers to 1000, as well as recalling our 2, 5 and 10 times tables.

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 'Lord of the Forest' by Caroline Pitcher and we will then be moving onto poetry where our focus book will be 'Poetry Pie' by Roger McGough. 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 drawing and painting with emphasis on the artist L.S. Lowry. During Design Technology lessons, we will be concentrating on textiles, practising the over stitch and running stitch in order to make a pencil case. Through our Computing lessons, we will be learning about 'Digital Literacy', including how to stay safe on the internet. Within History, we will enjoy learning about The Stone Age and how Stone Age people were hunter gatherers using different tools. In Geography, we will be focusing on Europe, looking at its geographical location, capital cities within Europe and some primary rivers. Lastly, throughout our Personal Development lessons, we are going to be learning how to be a SUPERB citizen.

Habits of Mind

This term we are introducing our school community to the **Habits of Mind by Arthur L. Costa** – a set of thinking dispositions that help children become confident, capable, and resilient learners. The first habit we are focusing on is **Striving for Accuracy**. This means encouraging pupils to check their work carefully, take pride in doing their best, and recognise that effort and persistence make a real difference. At school, we are supporting children to slow down, reflect, and improve their work step by step. You can encourage this habit at home too by praising your child's effort when they take extra care, whether it's finishing homework neatly, building something carefully, or even helping in the kitchen. Together, we can help our learners see the value in aiming for accuracy and taking pride in doing things well.

Striving for accuracy

Check it again!



- ✓ Doing your best.
- ✓ Setting high standards.
- ✓ Fact checking.
- ✓ Finding ways to improve.

Spellings and Times Tables

Each week, your child will be given a list of 5-10 spellings to learn. These will be taken from the list of words which have been uploaded to the website. Please support your child and help them to learn these words so that they can use them in class. Spellings will be quizzed on a Friday and new ones will also be given out on this day too.



At home, children will be able to improve their times tables knowledge, speed and accuracy through the website www.ttrockstars.com You can find your child's Times Table Rockstar log in, in their home school contact book. Please see our Academy Facebook page for a 'Parent Guide' to TTRS.

P.E.

Year 3 P.E. sessions will be every **MONDAY** and **TUESDAY**. It 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 Reminder

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 MONDAY and TUESDAY – PE for the whole of Year 3

Every Thursday: Homework to be returned.

Every Friday: New homework set.

Kindest regards,
The Year Three Teaching Team