



## Year Three Newsletter January, 2026



**Welcome** - Hello everyone and a big welcome to the new Spring Term in 2026!

**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 now using our school media accounts more frequently, so please follow us on Facebook (@Old Cleef 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, 2,4,8 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 finish the term with, '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 how to sew, making a pencil case which will fasten up.

During computing lessons, we using a program called Scratch which will enable us to code our own sprite.

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 asking the question - How do festival and worship show what matters to a Muslim? We will use real life scenarios to answer this question.

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

### Habits of Minds

This term we move on from striving for accuracy and persisting to 'Question and Problem Solving'. The children will learn to have a questioning attitude, find problems to solve and develop questioning strategies. We will continue to develop our thinking matters approach to learning by using a range of thinking frames designed to help the children organise and retrieve their knowledge and understanding.



**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 continue to be every **Monday and Tuesday**. 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 kindly ask that all children bring a bottle of **water** to school to have in class with them, so they can hydrate throughout the day. We need to give our young people constant reminders of the need to drink water. It goes hand in hand with any learning they will undertake and will boost their brains with electrical energy giving them the ability to function when it comes to thinking.

### Dates for your Diary

**Mondays and Tuesdays** - P.E.

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

**Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> January** – Romans Workshop visitor

**Friday 27<sup>th</sup> March** – Yr 3 trip to Lincoln Cathedral – More information to follow.

Kindest Regards,  
The Year Three Teaching Team.

