



Year Three Newsletter April, 2026



Welcome

Hello everyone and a big welcome to the new Summer 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.oldcleprimaryacademy.co.uk then click the 'Children' tab, followed by 'Year Group' and Year 3.



Social Media Reminder

Follow us on Facebook (@Old Cle Primary Academy), to see what the children have been up to! Another great place to look is the News and Events section of our school website as this is updated regularly with all the fabulous things we get up to!

Curriculum

This term, during **Maths** lessons, Year 3 will be learning about algorithms for subtraction and finding out about non-unit and unit fractions.

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 describing a journey story about a meerkat called Sunny from the book 'Meerkat Mail'. Further on in the term, we will be discussing and recreating Grimm's Fairy Tales. 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 and sculpture with emphasis on the artist Rosa Bonheur. During **Design Technology** lessons, we will be concentrating on pneumatics to make a dragon puppet move. Through our **Computing** lessons, we will be learning more about presentations. During **PE** we will be participating in 'No Tackle Football' and working on our teamwork and communication skills. Whilst in **History**, we will enjoy learning about tourism in our local area of Cleethorpes, through the use of primary and secondary sources. We will be delving more into the chronology of this time 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 **Religious Education** we will be answering the question 'How and why do people try to make the world a better place?'

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 Friday, 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. Please return homework to school by the following Friday - thank you for your continued support with this.

P.E.

Year 3 P.E. sessions will be every **MONDAY & 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.

Habits of Mind

Our next 'Habit of Mind' focus (building on 'Striving for Accuracy', 'Persisting', 'Question and Problem Posing' and 'Thinking and Communicating with Clarity and Precision') will be 'Thinking Interdependently' and 'Thinking Flexibly'. In the Summer term, we will continue to work on all of these habits of mind. In addition, we will continue to use our Thinking Frames to structure our thought processes in class.

Water bottles

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 and washed daily. They can be refilled during the school day.

Dates for your Diary

Monday and Tuesday: PE days

Every Friday: New spellings and times tables given out. (KIRFs fortnightly)



Kindest Regards,
The Year Three Teaching Team.