



St Simon and St Jude Church of England Primary School  
“Living and Learning in the Eyes of God”  
*Friendship, Courage, Truthfulness, Forgiveness, Compassion, Respect* Psalm  
25:4 - Show me your way, Lord. Teach me your path.



**Class 3 - Year 2 Summer Term 2025 First Half Mrs Pagett, Mrs  
Braidley and Mrs Heap.**

Welcome back Class 3!

I cannot believe that it is our last half term together as Class 3. What a fantastic year it has been! This half term will be full of reflection as we think about how far we have all come and how hard we have all worked – but the year is not over yet! We hope to have you join us at some point over the next four weeks, whether it's for reading together on a Friday or our Phonics drop-in or our church service. Please see the newsletter for dates.

### Year 2 Entry into and out of School

The classroom door will open at **08:25** and our first lesson will begin at **08:30**. The school day ends at **15:00**.

Please send your children in from the bottom of the ramp where one of us will be to greet them. Those of you who were with us last year will be familiar with this.

A member of staff will lead the children down the ramp at the end of the day. The children will only be allowed to go with a designated adult in accordance with our school's Health and Safety policy. If, for any reason, you are unable to collect your child, please call Mrs Booth in the office to let us know who has your permission to collect your child.

### Physical Education

Class 3 will have Physical Education every **Thursday** this half term. Please send children into school wearing the correct P.E uniform (a purple school logo top, black shorts/jogging bottoms and pumps/trainers). Any children with pierced ears should remove earrings and long hair should be tied back.

## Homework

At the front of your homework books, you will find a menu of homework activities related to our learning this half term - you can choose which activity you would like to complete **every other week**.

In addition to this, children will receive a worksheet with words taken from the Year 1 and 2 statutory spelling list that should be completed **on a weekly basis**.

Please return your books every **Wednesday** with your completed homework, homework books will then be marked and returned on **Friday**.

Please keep using the Times Tables Rockstars programme. By the end of Year 2 we would like children to be confident at using their 2,3,5 and 10 times tables.

## Reading Books

As well as formal homework, children should be reading **every single day**. Reading aloud to a parent for **only a few minutes a day** can have a significant impact on their progress. This should be recorded in your child's reading journal so that we can track areas for development and see when they are ready to move on. We love hearing about how your reading is going at home and really appreciate your support with this!

Books will be changed on a **Monday** and a **Friday**, but if you require a new reading book at **any other time** please do just let us know and we will be more than happy to sort this. We ask that the children place their reading record in the **grey box** in our classroom to be checked every day.

## English

We will be looking at examples of descriptive writing and capturing the readers imagination by describing a setting creating vivid pictures in the readers' mind. This type of imagery uses detailed and specific visual descriptions to help readers imagine scenes, characters, settings, and actions more clearly. We will look at onomatopoeia words like buzz, whoosh and zap! We will continue to use of a **range of punctuation** including capital letters, full stops, question marks and exclamation marks. We will be revisiting writing compound sentences joined with **or**. We will do some more work on writing extended noun phrases and making our sentences as descriptive as possible. We will go back over writing commas for lists, for example: 2 bunches of bananas, 3 apples and one delicious, creamy yoghurt.

## Phonics and Reading

Over the next six weeks, we will be focusing on the following sounds and spellings in our daily Phonics lessons:

Sound Spellings Examples:

C, k, ke, ch ,q, que and cc. For example: cling, book, brake, school, quite, quiche, cheque, accuse.

R, rr, rh, wr. For example: ring, arrow, rhyme,

T, tt, bt, te, ed For example: belt, watt, debt, haste, fetched.

Z, ze, zz, s, se, ss For example: quiz, blaze, buzz, hugs, blouse,

Eer, ere, ear. For example: cheer, sphere, hear.

Our class texts this half term are:

Counting On Katherine. How Katherine Johnson put astronauts on the moon.



Hodgeheg by Dick King Smith.

Maths

We begin our term by continuing our unit on Time. We will be looking at o'clock, half past, quarter past, quarter to and all other increments of time. The children will be using analogue clocks and will learn which hand is the hour hand and which hand is the minute hand.

Following this, we will complete a unit on Statistics, looking at reading tables and graphs to interpret data. We will focus mainly on block diagrams and pictograms. We will finish the term with a unit on Position and Direction, thinking about concepts such as clockwise/anti-clockwise and full turns/quarter turns/half turns.

## Synopsis of Other Learning in Autumn 2

**Geography:** Comparison study

**History:** The Space Race.

**Music:** Following our Charanga scheme and listening and appraising classical pieces.

**Computing:** Programming quizzes

**PE:** Athletics

**DT:** Crumble Cooking and Nutrition

**RE:** What makes some places sacred to believers?

**PSHE:** Growing and changing.

### Snacks and Water

Please send a full, clearly marked water bottle to school each day – water, no squash please! All children will be given a fruit or vegetable snack to eat after their morning break.



### Contact Information

**School office:** 01455 842138 for any urgent messages  
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