



# YEAR 3 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: SUMMER TERM 2026

## YEAR 3

We are now into the first half term of Summer and it's great to see the children settled back into their class. They have quickly remembered all the routines of school life and are enjoying their learning. This term the children will be studying two topics: Colourful Cultures- Western Africa and Under Our Feet. They will take part in lots of exciting activities which cover all areas of the curriculum. We are especially looking forward to our Trip to Beacon Hill to visit an extinct volcano. Thank you for supporting your child at home with any homework, learning their times tables, spellings and reading. However, the expectation is that your child reads with you at least four times a week for five minutes or longer. We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Summer Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied (see next page).

<b>HIGH EXPECTATIONS</b>	<p>We expect a <b>high standard of behaviour from all children</b> which is monitored by all staff in the academy. The Behaviour Policy (which can be found on our website) explains the academy rules, rewards and sanctions in detail.</p> <p>Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates).</p> <p>Unacceptable behaviour, both in and out of the classroom, will be dealt with firmly but fairly according to the academy's Behaviour Policy. You will be informed of any major incidences, or if your child's behaviour results in two or more detentions within a period of two weeks.</p>	<b>UNIFORM</b>	<p><b>Uniform is the same for Years 1-3.</b></p> <p>All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or wearing incorrect uniform.</p> <p>Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform this can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Leicester City Centre or online via our website.</p>	<b>START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)</b>
			<p>For the first 15 minutes of every day there will be a focused learning activity planned by the teacher. Throughout the Summer Term, we will be focusing on either practising times tables and related division facts or arithmetic skills.</p> <p>It is also a time to get help with any areas they are struggling with and ensure they are prepared for the day.</p> <p>If your child arrives late, they will miss this vital part of the school day. Therefore, it is important that your child arrives on time (<b>by 8:50am</b>) every day. Doors open at 8:45am for a prompt start at 8.50am. The gates then shut at 9am.</p>	
		<b>TRIP DAY</b>	<p>Our trip to Beacon Hill is planned for <b>Wednesday 10<sup>th</sup> June</b>. The purpose of the day is to experience an extinct volcano, compare different rocks and see different rock formations and to compare the physical and human features with our locality. Please ensure that you complete ParentPay for this when the letter comes home soon.</p>	

<b>YEAR 3 CURRICULUM</b>	<p>During Summer 1, Year 3 will be studying the topic 'Colourful Cultures-Western Africa'. Within this topic, children will be locating the different countries in Western Africa on a world map. We will be comparing the climate, settlements and land use with the UK.</p> <p>In Summer 2, children will learn about the rocks, location of volcanoes, similarities and differences in physical geography between Mount Vesuvius and Beacon Hill (extinct volcanoes)</p>  <p>Please see the sheet attached to this newsletter for more information about these topics in Year 3 this term.</p>	<b>PHYSICAL EDUCATION</b> <p><b>Our PE day this term is on Thursday.</b> PE is part of our academy curriculum and <b>we expect all children to wear a full PE kit to school</b> so that they can take part in their PE sessions on this day</p> <p><b>Jewellery should not be worn on this day.</b> Earrings cannot be worn during PE sessions. Teachers and Teaching Assistants are not allowed to help children remove their earrings. If your child has recently had their ears pierced they will have to bring micropore tape to cover their earrings until they can take them out.</p>	<b>HOMEWORK</b> <p>We expect children to be <b>reading for at least 10 minutes daily</b>. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding. Please use the QR code provided to record when you hear your child read.</p>
	<b>SPELLINGS &amp; TIMESTABLES</b> <p>Children have logins to <b>Purple Mash</b> and <b>Times Table Rock Stars / NumBots</b> where they can access a range of activities and improve their times tables skills. Please encourage your child to <b>play on Times Table Rock Stars and/or NumBots at least 3 times per week</b> (for 5-10 minutes).</p> <p>They also have weekly spellings which they are welcome to practise at home as well as at school.</p>		
<p><b>If you have any problem or concern – who do you ask?</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Class Teachers – Mrs Alton and Miss Kinchington</li> <li>• Deputy Principals – Mrs Bentley and Mrs Catlow</li> <li>• Principal – Mrs Latham</li> </ul> <p>Thank you on behalf of the Year 3 team.</p>			