

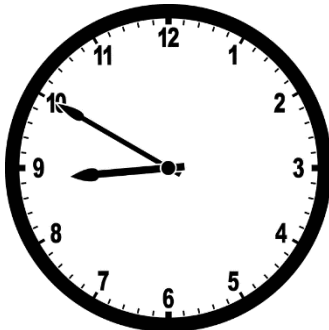


QUEENSMEAD PRIMARY ACADEMY

YEAR 3 TERMLY NEWSLETTER: AUTUMN TERM 2026

WELCOME TO YEAR 3!

It is great to see that all the children have settled into their new class routines and are enjoying learning. We hope that your child is looking forward to a rewarding and successful year. Year 3 is full of exciting themes, activities and trips! We would like to share with you some information about what your child will be learning over the Autumn Term, as well as offering you opportunities to support your child's understanding of subjects studied. This newsletter will also help you to plan ahead by giving you key dates, such as class assemblies and trips.

HIGH EXPECTATIONS	We expect a high standard of behaviour from all children 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. Every week we have a celebration assembly where achievements are shared and certificates are awarded (including Star of the Week and House Points certificates). 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.	UNIFORM	Uniform is the same for Years 1-3. All pupils must wear correct uniform, including acceptable footwear. A letter will be sent home with pupils who have missing or incorrect uniform. Please refer to the Uniform Policy on our website for further information, including PE kit. If you require academy uniform, all items can be purchased from Uniform Direct in Leicester City Centre.	START OF DAY ACTIVITY (SODA)	This term we are having a focus on reading. The children in year 3 will be learning new strategies during guided reading sessions daily.	
					For the first 15 minutes of every day the focus will be computer-based skills or reading skills. 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 every day.	

YEAR 3 CURRICULUM	English This term we will share lots of stories written by our class author. We will also share the book 'The Tear Thief' building on the super writing we completed in year 2. 	PHYSICAL EDUCATION	Our PE day this term is Thursday. PE is part of our academy curriculum and we expect all children to come to school wearing their academy PE kit so that they can take part in their indoor and outdoor PE sessions. All jewellery must be removed. Earrings need to be removed on the day of PE or the child must be able to remove these themselves before the lesson. 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.	HOMEWORK	Queensmead Quests will be given out once per half term. The aim is to provide a range of challenges for your child to choose from. We would be grateful if you can support and encourage them. If your child experiences any difficulties with the homework, we encourage them to come and see their class teacher for more support. We can't wait to see them!
	Mathematics We will be focusing on place value, addition and subtraction this term in Mathematics. We would be grateful if you could practise and consolidate the 2, 3, 5 and 10 times tables with your child (forwards and backwards) Theme/Science In the first part of the Autumn Term our theme is 'Knowing me, knowing you.' We will be learning about the local history of Braunstone Park and the Winstanley family who lived there. Then we will be studying Black History. We will look at a range of different stories about Wangari Maathai who was the first Female African Nobel Peace Prize winner. During Autumn 1 in Science, we will be studying animals including humans, bones, skeletons, muscles, nutrition and movement. We will be looking at healthy diets and as part of our DT project will be designing and making a flat bread pizza. During the second half of the Autumn Term we will focus on Science and our topic will be called 'Forces and Magnets'.	READING	Your child will bring home a book each week. The book is matched to their reading ability. We expect children to be reading for at least 15 minutes daily. It would be really beneficial if you could listen to your child read and discuss their book regularly to support their understanding.	TRIPS	We have organised a trip to the stables and secret walled garden in Braunstone Park to support our learning about local history and the Winstanley family.