

# TERM 3



Welcome back, we hope you had a wonderful Christmas and New Year!

This term will be very creative and full of materials and sewing, it will be lots of fun!

## English

This term we will be looking at stories linked to African folktales. We will be reading stories about Anansi the mischievous spider and using these to inspire our own writing. We will also be completing a piece of writing in history about the importance of pattern.

## Maths

In our maths work this term, we will be focusing on length and perimeter and fractions. Please can you help support your child when measuring in both cm and mm on a standard ruler. We will be continuing to encourage the children to keep practising their 2,3,4,5, 8, 10 times tables. They have been using number squares to help them count in the different tables, we have included some to use at home.

Please continue to use TTRS or Hit the button <https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>. You can also use <https://mathsframe.co.uk/en/resources/resource/477/Multiplication-Tables-Check>

## Topic

This term we will be learning about the importance of print, pattern and colour in African culture and how colours and patterns represent different meanings to people living in different countries in Africa.

## Sewing afternoon—Thursday 12th February 2026

Over the term we will be designing and making our own patterns which we will apply to material, using fabric paints. We would then like to turn this material into a bag. We are inviting parents, grandparents or older siblings in on Thursday 12th February to help your child sew their bag together. Unfortunately we will only be able to accommodate one adult per child, and cannot accommodate younger siblings. The children will be learning running stitch and back stitch to help them join their bag together.

## Weather

With this time of year still providing us with cold and wet weather. Please ensure your children have named coats for breaktime, lunchtime and PE if needed. If they bring in hats, gloves and scarves, please also ensure they have a name on them.

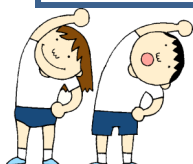
**Reading:** This term we will be continuing to transition more of the children across to our school Accelerated Reader scheme. A comprehensive screening test generates each child an individual ZPD range and they will then be able to choose books within this range. The children will have more ownership to choose their own book from the library, which they will need to bring in everyday, to share with an adult. Once they have finished their book, they will complete a short comprehension test as part of the reading program Accelerated Reader, before then being able to choose another book. Throughout the year the children will undertake further ZPD assessments to make sure that their ZPD range increases accordingly alongside their progress. This program really focusses on comprehension as well as inference, accuracy and fluency and teachers will be monitoring performance in these areas. Please continue to sign your child's reading record to show that your child has read to or with an adult at home every evening (if possible). It is beneficial for your children to enjoy the book with you and to engage in discussions about the characters and content of the book etc. Therefore, it is not a necessity that your child completes a whole book per night; a few pages with lots of discussion is much more effective. We will continue to develop the children's reading skills every day in our whole class reading lessons.

**Comprehension questions: (for you to discuss as you read together, if you would like to)**

- Who is telling the story and how do you know?
- Find some words or phrases that tell you about the setting.
- What is the most interesting or exciting part? Try to explain why.
- What is the theme of this story or text?



**PE:** This term we will be enjoying lessons incorporating Hockey and Multi-Skills skills. PE lessons are scheduled for **Monday** and **Wednesday** for both classes. Monday will be outdoor and Wednesday will be indoors (weather permitting). Please remember that all children are expected to take part in PE lessons and should wear the appropriate kit into school. on these days. This includes white t-shirt, either dark shorts or jogging bottoms, and trainers. Please include a jumper for your child to wear. Please remember to tie long hair back and earrings should be removed at home if they cannot do so themselves.



If you have any questions, concerns or comments at all please do not hesitate to let us know on Dojo or by making an appointment through the office.

Thank you from the Year 3 team.

Miss Collings, Mrs Papandrea, Mrs Edwards and Mrs Wilde