

Year 3 Curriculum Letter - Summer Half Term 1 - 2026

Our theme for Summer 1 is:

Awesome Oceans

Our main focuses are:

- To learn about the world's oceans and the amazing creatures that live within them.
- To understand the difference between seas, coasts and oceans and learn the names and locations of some.
- To understand what food is caught.
- To understand the difference between the Arctic and Antarctic.
- To learn human and physical geographical features.

Our theme will last for:

6 weeks



French

Bonjour! This half-term, we will be learning about the story of Little Red Riding Hood in French. We will learn the names of different body parts to help us retell the story in French.

No Outsiders

As part of our 'No Outsiders' scheme of work, this half term we will be focusing on the book: 'The Hueys and the New Jumper' by Oliver Jeffers.

Behaviour and Safety

This half term our focus will be *Respect*. Our British Value we will be focusing on is tolerance of others.

P.S.H.E.

This half term we will be learning how to keep a balanced lifestyle and what happens if we lead an inactive lifestyle.

Music

This half term, we will be learn the language of music through the Glockenspiels and create a simple composition.

Religious Education

During our R.E. lessons, we will be looking at fables and moral stories and thinking how they could be relevant today. The children will then create their own story.

P.E.

We are very excited to be learning athletics this half-term and will be taking part in a mini-Olympics! Our P.E. day is Thursday.



Please make sure your child has their outdoor P.E. kits in school from Monday to Friday. Jewellery must not be worn on their P.E. days.

Please make sure all of your child's clothes are labelled.

English:

Our books this half term are 'Dear Greenpeace' and 'The Morning I Met a Whale'. The children's work this half term will include:

- Reading the books and discussing ideas and themes as a class.
- Writing a letter to Greenpeace asking for help including questions and exclamation marks.
- Writing an information text all about creatures of the ocean.
- Learn how to use present perfect tense, expand nouns and use possessive apostrophes.

The children will be taking part in weekly guided reading sessions and we will be linking in Awesome Oceans texts. It would be wonderful if you could ask your child about the stories they have been reading.

When reading at home, why not ask your child to share what they are wondering about? For example, 'I wonder if Emily will be allowed to keep the whale' or 'I wonder if Emily will join Greenpeace when she's older'.



Science

Calling all scientists! This half-term, we will become biologists and nutritionists, thinking all about healthy bodies! We will understand why we have skeletons and muscles and the foods we need to eat for a healthy, balanced diet.

Geography

It's time to set sail to explore our oceans, seas and coasts. Along the way we will be looking at:

- The differences between seas and oceans.
- The locations and differences between the Arctic and Antarctic.
- 'Google Earth' to find out the location of different oceans.
- Atlases and globes to find our place within the world.
- Looking at the 4 and 8 compass points and using this language to explain the position of oceans to continents.

Shared home learning:

Please encourage your child to read for 15 minutes, as a minimum, everyday. This should be logged in their reading journal on a daily basis. It is always great to ask your child the definitions of words and see if they can put them into a sentence. An optional Maths. and English homework will be set via Seesaw on a weekly basis. Raffle tickets and rewards may be given for these by the teachers. Our half-termly homework will focus on the oceans and Greenpeace this will be due to present on the last week of school.

Key Dates

W/C 13th April—Science and Engineering week
 Wednesday 22nd April—Class photos
 30th—1st April—Year 3 Trip to The Deep
 8th May—National Deaf children's society day

Mathematics

During Maths., we will be linking our topic of 'Awesome Oceans' where possible. We will be covering a wide variety of topics such as:

- Shape: To understand the different types of triangles. Draw more complex 2D shapes and use a compass. To think about the faces on 3D shapes and create models.
- Exploring Change: telling the time from an analogue clock and being able to recognise Roman Numerals. We will also learn about digital time, the 12 and 24 hour clock and solve problems where I have to convert units of time.
- Multiplication and division: learning how to divide using the bar model as well as multiplying using a column method. We will also learn about scale and correspondence problems.

It is vital that your child knows their times tables, specifically their 3, 4 and 8 times tables. Knowing these will really help when it comes to solving problems related to multiplication and division.

If you would like to help your child at home, it would be really helpful if you could practise mental Maths strategies and times tables. On a weekly basis, children will practise their times tables and work on their mental Maths. skills.



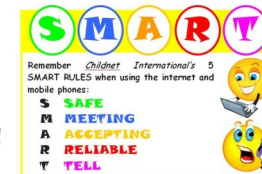
Art

During our Art lessons, Year 3 children will be using watercolours to produce underwater pictures. They will learn how to use colour effectively. They will also understand that art can show a moment in time.



Computing

For Computing, we will be developing our E-safety knowledge and making sure that we know how to stay safe online. We will look at how to create secure passwords and how to keep our personal information safe. We will look at online relationships and how we can manage information online.



D.T.

In keeping with the theme of Awesome Oceans, our design and technology week will focus on food technology. We will be looking at creating balanced meals that are both nutritious, delicious and inspired by the ocean. The children will then have the chance to make their creation in school. Please let your child's class teacher know if they have any dietary requirements.

Mon 4th May—Bank Hol (school closed)
 W/C 11th May—Year 6 SATs
 W/C 18th May—Map week and Crystal Maze week