

Class 3: Autumn 2026

Dear Parents,

Here are some of the activities we will be covering this half-term.
This overview does not include everything that we will be doing, but hopefully it will give you an insight into some of the learning, which will be taking place in our classroom.

English

This half term, we will be working on the video 'Something Fishy' to retell the story and inspire non-chronological reports.

We will also be working on creating our own original story based on our Bedtime Stories unit. The children will be working on reading their story aloud to an appropriate audience.

Towards Christmas we will be looking at poetry, creating winter inspired calligrams and narrative poetry based on 'T'was the Night Before Christmas'.

Throughout this half term, we will also be working on our delivery of lines and expression in reading linked to our Christmas play.

Our Class Novel across Autumn term is **The Magic Faraway Tree** which we will be reading at the end of the day.

Mathematics

In Maths, we will be finishing our **addition and subtraction unit** with developing our skills of subtracting numbers that cross tens and understanding that adding is the inverse of subtracting.
We will be looking at **money** in our measurement unit this half term, being able to recognise the different denominations of coins and notes and solve simple problems linked to money.
We will also be working on our understanding of **multiplying and dividing** using arrays (2, 5 and 10 times tables). We will be then using these to help us solve simple multiplication and division problems.
During our Problem Solving sessions, we will explore challenges linked to trial and improvement and use our reasoning skills to explain our thinking.

PSHE/RE

In P.S.H.E our focus is **Keeping Safe Online**. We will be developing a greater awareness of how we use the internet, how we can communicate safely online and why there are age restrictions on apps and games. We will be thinking about whether everyone online can be trusted and what to do if something online should worry us.

What can we learn from the St Cuthbert story?

In R.E, we will be developing an understanding of who St Cuthbert was and why Durham Cathedral and Lindisfarne are considered special places.
They will learn about the story of St Cuthbert including how and why he became a monk.
Alongside this unit, the children will be visiting Durham Cathedral on **Wednesday 2nd December 2026.**

Science

In Science, we will be continuing to learn about **materials and their properties**. The children will explore a range of everyday materials, learn their names, and investigate the different properties they have, such as being hard, soft, flexible, waterproof or absorbent.
They will look closely at how materials are used in real life and discover why certain materials are chosen for specific purposes.
We will be doing a range of investigations across the term to help us understand the importance of working scientifically.

Computing

We will be working on the project **'Computing Art: Can you draw or modify your own pictures to add to a poster for a purpose?'** The children will learn how to use editing tools to change a picture and modify it for a purpose e.g. resizing, fading the picture to write text over and cropping the image. They will then add this to their own poster, building on their work from Autumn 1.

Geography



In Geography this half term, we will be exploring the question **"Where in the world is…The Continents?"**. The children will be working on recalling the seven continents and locating them on a world map. They will be using the continents as a basis to find rivers, mountains and human and physical landmarks.

Art

In Art, we will be working on developing our understanding of Still Life through an investigation of the work of Paul Cezanne and Pablo Picasso. We will be working on texture and tone and experimenting with ink wash.



Music

In Music, we will be learning and singing new and traditional Christmas songs.
We will also be learning the songs for our Christmas production.

French

This half term, children will be learning the French words for the seasons.

PE

Gymnastics – As part of our Gymanstics unit, children will be developing their skills in rolling, balancing, jumping and travelling. They will be working on keeping tension and extension whilst balancing on larger body parts on **Mondays**.

Games –This term we will also be working on the fundamental skills of cricket including how to grip the bat correctly, fielding techniques and the rules of cricket in our 'Boundary Line' unit on **Wednesdays**.

**Note: children should make sure their PE kits are in school every day as we may take advantage of the drier days for PE across Autumn term.*