

Year 3 Autumn 2026 Newsletter



Welcome back! We are looking forward to a fun, busy year in Year 3. We hope you all had a lovely summer and can't wait to cover lots of interesting topics this Autumn term.

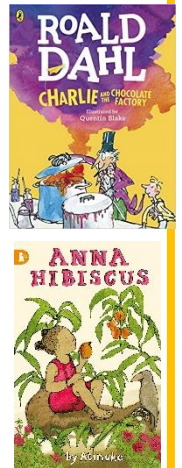
Maths



This term in Maths, we will be focusing on place value, ordering numbers and estimating. Using up to three-digit numbers, we will then move onto improving our mental and written addition, subtraction, multiplication and division techniques with opportunities to develop mastery of these skills in problem solving activities. Later this term, we will complete work on measurement, fractions and geometry. We will be continuing with the 2x, 5x and 10x tables and be moving onto our 3x, 4x and 8x tables.

English

This term we are focussing on two books: Charlie and the Chocolate Factory and Anna Hibiscus. We will use these books as stimulus to write both non-fiction and fiction pieces such as instructions, newspaper reports, and setting descriptions. We will also develop our creative writing skills through poetry. We are going to be working hard on our handwriting this year too, moving on to more joins.



Science



In Science we will begin by learning about food and our bodies. We will find out about healthy and balanced diets and will begin to describe the basic parts of the skeletal system.

After half-term, we will explore the topic of 'Earth Rocks', in which we will look at the different kinds of rocks and their various properties.

Topic

Our first history topic this half-term is 'Ancient Egypt'. We are going to learn about what life was like for the Ancient Egyptians, find out who Tutankhamen was, learn about religion during Egyptian times and use artefacts to teach us about the past.



After half-term, we will be moving onto our geography topic of 'The River Nile'. We will find out about the location and features of the Nile, as well as exploring how the river has changed over time.

P.E.

P.E. will take place on a **Wednesday and Friday** for 3M this term and on a **Thursday and Friday** for 3O this term. We will be exploring a range of sports, including: dance, gymnastics, fitness and football.

Homework, Spellings and Reading

- Homework will be set on a Friday and should be handed in on Wednesday.
- Children can also practise their times tables on the Times Table Rockstars app using the logins in their homework books.
- Spellings for each week will go live on Spelling Shed each **Friday** to be learnt and then tested at home the following week. If children do not complete the spelling tests, they will be asked to attend a 'spelling catch-up' session on Fridays.
- Please ensure that children have their reading diaries and books with them every day so we can read regularly with your child.

Thank you so much for your continued support as we start a new year at Maney Hill. If you ever have any questions, please do not hesitate to speak to one of our Year 3 team ☺

Miss MacPhee and Mrs O'Dowd