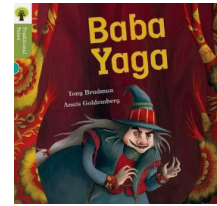
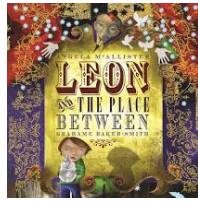




Y3 Autumn Term 2026

Timeless Tales



Term Dates: Tuesday 1st September 2026 - Friday 18th December 2026

Half Term: Monday 26th October - Friday 30th October 2026

INSET days: Tuesday 1st and Wednesday 2nd September 2026

Y3 Teaching Staff: Mrs Craft (Year leader and 3JC), Miss Seaby (3SS), Miss Erskine (3EE), Mrs McGowan (3SM), Miss Wade (3AW) and Miss Martin (3IM)

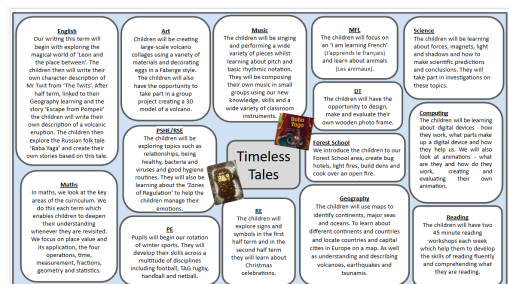
Y3 Learning Support Assistants: Mrs Watts, Mrs Murray, Mrs Boyd-Hall, Mrs Goble, Mrs Taylor, Mrs Houlden, Mrs Cole and Mrs McKeon

Other Y3 Staff: Miss Percy (P.E) and Mrs Dodd (Music)

The Year 3 team would like to start off by welcoming all of you to our year group and we hope that you are looking forward to the year ahead as much as we are.

In the first week of term, the children will be met on the playground and walked around to their classrooms by their class teacher. We are beginning our autumn term with the TAB Way Week, in which we will be focusing on understanding and applying our TAB values while we continue to get to know each other. This will allow the children to settle into their new environment and find their feet again after the summer holiday.

Our topic in the autumn term is **'Timeless Tales'**. We enclose our topic map, which outlines all the curriculum subjects the children will be studying as part of this theme. We aim to connect as much of the curriculum together as possible to help the children to develop a wide and deep understanding of the subjects that we cover.



Communication and Home Learning

The children will receive a Reading Record to record their reading at home and at school. We will also be using Google Classroom to share homework with you and as a general communication tool. Your child will receive their login information in the front of their reading record and will be shown how to access this in school. More information on Google classroom is below.

Reading Records and Rewards

The children are expected to read to an adult at least five times a week. We ask that you or your child record each read in their reading record, ideally once per day.

We have a reading reward scheme called **'The Wonderland Reading Quest'**. The children will collect character stickers inspired by *Alice in Wonderland* as they journey through Wonderland and work towards exciting reading milestones. We count the number of days a child reads rather than the number of books they finish or the number of times they read in a day. Therefore, if a child reads every day for a week, they will have seven reads.

Milestones

📖 **Alice** — 50 reads

🐇 **White Rabbit** — 100 reads

🐱 **Cheshire Cat** — 150 reads

👧👦 **Tweedledum and Tweedledee** — 200 reads

👑 **Mad Hatter** — 250 reads

👑 **Queen of Hearts** — 300 reads



Progress will be tracked in class and children who reach the Mad Hatter milestone at 250 reads will receive a special invitation to the Mad Hatter's Tea Party in July. Children who continue their journey and reach 300 reads will earn the Queen of Hearts sticker and complete The Wonderland Reading Quest.

We hope this will make reading feel even more magical and help children to see the connection between their daily reading and the special celebration that awaits them at the end of the year.

Maths

The children will be going into their maths groups from 14th September. This is an excellent opportunity for the children to work at their most suited mathematical pace with the level of support needed. The maths groups are very fluid and will adapt and change as the children need them to, to ensure the best learning outcomes for each child. Children will receive one piece of maths homework each week. For the autumn term this will be online via MyMaths. It will be set on a Monday and due the following Monday. They will also be set work on Times Table Rockstars each week. Logins for their TT Rockstars and Mymaths accounts will be available inside their reading records.

Spellings

In Year 3, spellings are set weekly on a Monday and tested on the following Monday. Spellings can be practised at home in any way that works for your child. This may be through games, writing them down or spelling them aloud. A spelling book is sent home at the beginning of the year, and each week the children need to bring this in on a Monday to stick in their spelling words each week. A copy of the spelling words will also be available on your child's Google classroom.

Google Classroom

It is essential that you familiarise yourself and feel confident logging on to your child's Google Classroom (GC) pages - their own class one and their maths class one too. All children will be shown how to use the page during school time, so please ask them to demonstrate this to you at home. Their Google log-ins and their TTRockstars log-ins will be inside their reading record.

Google Classroom streams will contain information and communication that you and your child will need including upcoming events, reminders, homework tasks, expectations, useful learning links and photos celebrating our progress.

Please note, parents and pupils will not be able to post comments on GC directly, but will need to email their teachers separately with correspondence. All class timetables will be posted on the GC page for your information.

Enrichment

The children will be taking part in a Christmas singalong performance, details will follow nearer the time. Throughout the term the children will have the opportunity to experience different engaging activities such as circus skills, cooking and collaborative outdoor activities.

Equipment

Please check regularly that your child has what they need in their pencil case. Items do run out and they may not always remember to tell you. Each child should have:

- A blue handwriting pen
- A pencil
- A 30 cm clear ruler
- A rubber
- A sharpener
- A green biro
- A whiteboard pen
- A glue stick



All of these are available from the school stationery shop at a reasonable price.

Please also ensure that children are provided with a healthy snack for break times and water (only) in bottles. As the weather gets colder, please ensure that they have a waterproof and/or a warm coat as they still go out to play at break time and lunchtime.

Important Days and Dates

Indoor and Outdoor PE

3SS	Indoor PE -	Thursday	Outdoor PE - Monday
3EE	Indoor PE -	Thursday	Outdoor PE - Monday
3JC	Indoor PE -	Tuesday	Outdoor PE - Thursday
3SM	Indoor PE -	Thursday	Outdoor PE - Monday
3AW	Indoor PE -	Friday	Outdoor PE – Thursday
3IM	Indoor PE -	Tuesday	Outdoor PE - Thursday

Please note that West Sussex County Council regulations do not allow the wearing of any kind of jewellery (earrings, studs, watches, neck chains, bangles etc.) during any PE lesson or other organised physical activities. Jewellery may only be worn for these activities on medical grounds, so if this is the case, please inform us in writing. Plaster tape may then be used to cover the ear, although we would ask that ear piercing take place at the beginning of the summer holiday.

Library

All children will visit the library weekly. Please remind your children to bring their library book in on their day so that they are able to regularly change it. The library days are as follows:

Wednesday - 3SS, 3AW and 3IM

Thursday - 3JC and 3EE

Friday - 3SM

Class Assemblies

Class assemblies will take place on Wednesdays at 2.20 - 2.50pm on the following dates and there is space for two members of each family to attend to watch their child perform.

Wednesday 10th March - 3SS

Wednesday 24th March - 3SM

Wednesday 21st April - 3IM

Wednesday 28th April - 3JC

Wednesday 12th May - 3EE

Wednesday 26th May - 3AW

Forest School

Each class will have five Forest School sessions in the autumn term. The dates for the sessions are below. On these days, they should come to school wearing sensible clothing that prepares them for all kinds of weather (both rain and cold) and in which they can get muddy, such as warm, waterproof clothes and trousers, wellington boots, gloves and hat.

These sessions will include an introduction to our Forest School area, creating bug hotels and homes, fire lighting, cooking and den building.

Class	Date	Date	Date	Date	Date
3AW	Mon 14th September	Tues 6th October	Tues 3rd November	Tues 10th November	Mon 23rd November
3IM	Mon 21st September	Mon 5th October	Mon 19th October	Mon 16th November	Fri 27th November
3JC	Mon 28th September	Mon 12th October	Mon 2nd November	Mon 9th November	Mon 30th November
3SM	Wed 16th September	Wed 30th September	Wed 14th October	Wed 4th November	Wed 18th November
3SS	Tues 15th September	Tues 22nd September	Tues 29th September	Tues 20th October	Tues 17th November
3EE	Fri 18th September	Fri 2nd October	Tues 13th October	Fri 6th November	Fri 20th November

Class Open Mornings

We would like to invite all parents into school for open mornings **on Wednesday 23rd and Thursday 24th September between 8.55-9.30am** This is an opportunity to visit your child's classroom and see the exciting learning opportunities we've been up to. Please see the date below for your child's class. Please feel free to drop in during this time and enter and exit via main reception.

Wednesday 23rd September - 3EE, 3JC and 3IM

Thursday 24th September - 3SS, 3SM and 3AW

Faberge Egg Exhibition

We would like to invite you to our Faberge egg art exhibition. The children will be researching, designing and creating their own Faberge egg and displaying this in a wooden photo frame that they have created in their DT session. This will be on **Monday 30th November and Tuesday 1st December in the main hall between 2.15-2.45pm**. Please see the date below for your child's class.

Monday 30th November - 3SM, 3IM, 3AW

Tuesday 1st December - 3JC, 3EE, 3SS

Please enter via the main entrance. Feel free to drop in between those times to see the artwork they have created and will be exhibiting.

Y3 Coffee Morning

We would like to invite parents to drop in between 9-10am to find out about Year 3, to share some resources, have the opportunity to ask any questions you may have and support accessing any online resources. On **Thursday 17th September 9-10.00am**. Please enter via the main entrance. An invitation to book your place will follow.

Y3 Six Weeks Meeting

The Year 3 parents six weeks in meeting is on **Tuesday 13th October 6-7.00pm**. More details to follow.

How Parents/Carers Can Help

We would very much appreciate any help that can be offered, particularly with 1:1 reading and reading groups. If you do have any time to come into school and help, please liaise with your child's class teacher. Please indicate this in your son/daughter's reading record and their class teacher will contact you to arrange a convenient time. There will be a form that must be completed with the office before your sessions can begin.

In the meantime, if you have any queries or questions, do not hesitate to contact your class teacher or any of us.

Mrs Jessica Craft - Year 3 Year Leader

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English

Our writing this term will begin with exploring the magical world of 'Leon and the place between'. The children will then write their own character description of Mr Twit from 'The Twits'. After half term, linked to their Geography learning and the story 'Escape from Pompeii' the children will write their own description of a volcanic eruption. The children then explore the Russian folk tale 'Baba Yaga' and create their own stories based on this tale.

Maths

In maths, we look at the key areas of the curriculum. We do this each term which enables children to deepen their understanding whenever they are revisited. We focus on place value and its application, the four operations, time, measurement, fractions, geometry and statistics.

Art

Children will be creating large-scale volcano collages using a variety of materials and decorating eggs in a Faberge style. The children will also have the opportunity to take part in a group project creating a 3D model of a volcano.

PSHE/RSE

The children will be exploring topics such as relationships, being healthy, bacteria and viruses and good hygiene routines. They will also be learning about the 'Zones of Regulation' to help the children manage their emotions.

PE

Pupils will begin our rotation of winter sports. They will develop their skills across a multitude of disciplines including football, TAG rugby, handball and netball.

Music

The children will be singing and performing a wide variety of pieces whilst learning about pitch and basic rhythmic notation. They will be composing their own music in small groups using their new knowledge, skills and a wide variety of classroom instruments.

MFL

The children will focus on 'I am learning French' (J'apprends le français) and will learn about animals (Les animaux).

DT

The children will have the opportunity to design, make and evaluate their own wooden photo frame.

Forest School

We introduce the children to our Forest School area, create bug hotels, light fires, build dens and cook over an open fire.

Geography

The children will use maps to identify continents, major seas and oceans. They will learn about different continents and countries and locate countries and capital cities in Europe on a map. As well as understanding and describing volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

Science

The children will be learning about forces, magnets, light and shadows and how to make scientific predictions and conclusions. They will take part in investigations on these topics.

Computing

The children will be learning about digital devices - how they work, what parts make up a digital device and how they help us. We will also look at animations - what are they and how do they work, creating and evaluating their own animation.

Reading

The children will have two 45 minute reading workshops each week which help them to develop the skills of reading fluently and comprehending what they are reading.

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