

September 2026

Year 3

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new school year and to Year 3 (Key Stage 2). I hope you all had a lovely summer holiday and that your child is looking forward to settling happily into school again. I'm very much looking forward to getting to know everyone and getting stuck into some exciting learning!

Please find below the information that will be of use for this term. The work this term will support the move into the Year 3 curriculum but continues to address and reinforce some aspects of earlier learning.

### English

In English, we will be writing diaries, poetry, instructions, newspaper articles and reports, linked to the books we are studying which are:

**'Cinnamon'** by Neil Gaiman,  
**'Escape from Pompeii'** by Christina Balit,  
**'The Pebble in My Pocket'** by Meredith Hooper.

Alongside these books, we will also be studying **'Fantastic Mr Fox'** by Roald Dahl. We will study this as a class reading book, allowing the children to develop their reading and writing skills linked to this great story. In our writing we will be learning to use conjunctions and prepositions to extend our sentences - describing, when, where and why things happen. We will also be beginning to look at how to punctuate speech and use the possessive apostrophe. To support our topic work, we will continue to look at and use features of non-fiction writing.

### Mathematics

In Maths, we will start the term by looking at the place value of numbers to 1000. This will include reading, writing and ordering them and knowing the value of these digits. Next, we will be focusing on adding and subtracting with up to three-digit numbers. We will then use these skills to practise solving money and measure problems. We will work on multiplying and practising our multiplication facts and use these to multiply by multiples of ten. In Year 3, our focus is on consolidating x2, x5, x10 and learning x 3, x4, x8. We will start on x 3 this term – and will send home times tables books. These are not checked every week but are a way to support your child in practising at home. You can also use:

<https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button>

<http://www.timestables.me.uk/printable-pdf-quiz-generator.htm>

After half-term, Year 3 will have access to Times Tables Rockstars.

At home, you can continue to support your child by practising adding and subtracting 3-digit numbers, reinforcing the place value of these numbers as well as by helping your child to consolidate their 2, 5 and 10 x tables and learn their 3 x tables.

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## PSHE

This term, we will be continuing to follow the *My Happy Mind* programme as part of our PSHE lessons. In the *Meet Your Brain* module, we will learn how our brain works and how techniques like breathing can help us manage our emotions. We will explore the idea of Neuroplasticity and how we can train our brains. In the *Places* module, we will develop emotional awareness, learn strategies to manage our feelings, and understand the importance of talking to trusted adults. Finally, in the *Celebrate* module, we will identify our unique character strengths and learn how to use and grow them, even in challenging situations.

## Other Subjects

Our Science topics this term will be 'Light' and 'Rocks and Soils'. Children will participate in experiments to test theories and strengthen their understanding of these concepts.

Our Geography topic is looking at our local area. We will be learning to draw maps and keys and learning about the human and physical features of our environment. We will then move onto a Geography unit called 'Extreme Earth' looking at volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis.

In Computing, children will learn to send emails and learn 'Route Planners'. For this, children will plan algorithms and write code that includes angles of turn to create routes for screen turtles. They will experiment with using the repeat command to make shapes that have 90° and 45° angles. Children will also learn keyboard skills in our 'Touch Typing' unit. Interleaved with this learning will be the important strand of E Safety-children will learn how to be safe online and get the most out of their experiences with technology.

In Art, we will look at work by Andy Warhol, Hokusai and Angie Lewin, we will practise painting skills, colour mixing and printing. We will also learn some new joining skills in clay.

In R.E., we will be asking the questions 'What do Christians learn from the Creation Story?' and 'What is it like for someone to follow God?'

Music and French lessons will take place weekly and our Design Technology project this term will be designing and making shell structures, using a computer-aided design programme to help us.

Our PE days for this term will be **Monday** and **Thursday**. This half term the children will be developing their Multisport skills (running, jumping, skipping, hopping etc) and their football skills. They will also have opportunities to develop their fitness levels across these sports and will also complete yoga sessions. On PE days, children should wear their school sports tracksuits with their t-shirt or polo shirt.

## Homework

Reading books will start coming home next week. Children will be given a new book each **Friday** and we expect children to **read to an adult** for at least 15 minutes **each night**. This can be their school library book or a book of their choice.

We would appreciate a comment or a signature from an adult in the children's reading record books to acknowledge that you have heard them read nightly. Children need to bring their books into school daily. If your child has a levelled reading book, please ensure they read this at least once at home to an adult. I will check reading diaries each week and will award children with gems and pebbles for excellent effort with reading.

New weekly spellings will be given on **Thursday** and the spelling test will be on the following Thursday. Children will be given several opportunities to practise these in class but please ensure your child practises them and records them in the spelling record book at home also. They should look, say, cover, write and check each word. Practising daily will help them to put the words and the pattern into their long-term memory. The work

should be completed in pencil as it would be at school. Please support your child, helping them find time for this practice.

**Additional Information**

Mrs Searson will teach the class on a Monday. In addition to their English and Maths lessons on a Monday, Mrs Searson will also teach the children Computing and PE.

Mr Gallichan will teach RE and PE on a Thursday morning.

We encourage the children to drink from and refill their water bottles throughout the day. These water bottles should have a capacity of no more than 1 litre and a leak-proof lid.

Our class trip this term will be linked to our Geography topic 'Local Area' (more details to follow nearer the time.)

Finally, if you have an old shirt at home that your child could use as a painting apron, please send it in. We have some already in school, but we could always do with some more.

Please do not hesitate to email me ([s.turner@leslandes.sch.je](mailto:s.turner@leslandes.sch.je)) if you have any queries, concerns or questions throughout the term.

Looking forward to a fun-filled first term in Year 3!

Yours faithfully,

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