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Mount Pleasant Lane Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3

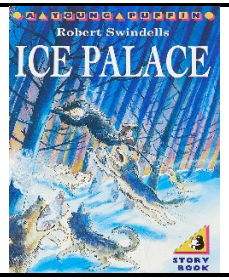
Autumn 2 2026



Dear Parents and Carers,

What an amazing start to Year 3! I have been so impressed with everyone's transition from KS1 to KS2. Year 3 have been amazing role models for all the school values and I am really excited to continue with this in Autumn 2. We have lots of interesting activities coming up, focused on our topic, The United Kingdom. The topic will include lots of hands-on tasks and exciting practical activities. We are also looking forward to a range of Christmas activities, including Christmas Jumper Day and the PTA Christmas disco!

Mrs Fletcher Bryan

Key dates for your diary:	➢ Please check weekly newsletters for whole school events.
PE days & kit required:	Our PE days are on **Wednesdays** and **Thursdays**. The children need to make sure that they come into school on these days in their PE kits.
Homework:	Children are expected to read every night for 10 minutes and log their reading at least 4 x per week on Boom Reader. Maths will be set on Fridays through MyMaths and completed by the following Wednesday. Children are to practise their times tables through Timestable Rock Stars. Spelling homework is through EdShed. Spelling patterns are released on Fridays and spelling dictation tests take place the following Friday.
Contact us: 	Communication is vital to us supporting the school community effectively. Please speak to your class teacher on the door at drop off or pick up if you have a short query or message. For longer conversations, please email admin@mountpleasant.herts.sch.uk FAO class teacher name and they will call you to discuss as soon as possible. Please be aware that teachers are teaching throughout the day so will be unable to speak to you immediately.
Our recommended read:	**'Ice Palace' by Robert Swindells** An extremely fast-paced adventure that will excite you from the start. Ivan lives in a land where the winter is dark and fearful. Starjik, King of Winter, steals Ivan's little brother and Ivan braves the bitter cold on a dangerous quest to get him back. 

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Our theme this half term is: A UK Study

English
This half term we will be studying a non-fiction text based on the 2005 film, 'How To Tame a Dragon'. The aim will be to write instructions using the following features: imperative verbs, time connectives/adverbials (First, Next, Then, Finally), adverbs of manner (gently, carefully), expanded noun phrases, command sentences, possessive apostrophes. The children will be learning to edit and redraft, as well as peer-editing against a success criteria.

Reading
Focusing on our comprehension skills of vocabulary, retrieve, inference, summarise, sequence and predict, we will read the following book this half term:

- The Lion, the Witch and the Wardrobe

Maths
In Maths this half term, we will continue looking at addition and subtraction. We will then look at word problems and how models can help us conceptualize what the question is asking. We will then move onto looking at multiplication and division. This will focus on our 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science
Our science topic, this half term, will be Animals Including Humans, with a focus on animal and human skeletons. Pupils will learn what the main functions of the skeleton are, as well as studying the role of joints and muscles.





French
Les couleurs et les nombres
(Colours & Numbers)

In this unit pupils will learn to count to 10 as well as learning 10 common colours in the foreign language.

Computing
Learners will develop their understanding of what a branching database is and how to create one.

Geography
This a UK study. The children will learn that the United Kingdom is made of four countries: England, Wales, Scotland, Northern Ireland. We will then move on to look at each country's capital city. The pupils will study the capital cities, major rivers, natural features and human features.

R.E.
In RE, we will be exploring what the true meaning of Christmas is to Christians and compare this with what Christmas might mean if you are not a Christian.

P.S.H.E
In PSHE, our unit is called 'Celebrating Difference', celebrating how everyone is different and unique. We will consider how we can always ensure we are kind by including others, but also develop a deeper understanding of how to resolve any conflict.

D.T.
The topic this half term will be cooking and nutrition. The class will learn about eating about seasonal foods, eating seasonally and using their understanding to create a seasonal tray bake.