Class 3 Newsletter – Spring 2026

Welcome back to Class 3 at Burton Salmon Primary! We trust the Christmas and New Year break has been equal parts exciting and relaxing. Well, we're back into Spring term and there's lots of new and interesting things to learn.

The team is staying pretty much the same with myself doing the majority of teaching, Miss Kiely as an assistant teacher four mornings a week and Mrs Love returning for PE. As always, if you would like to discuss things, appointments can be made via the office or you can catch me on the playground most mornings and afternoons.

Mr Bealey & the C3 team.

English

Our writing this term will be based on three books: *Stonewall* by Rob Sanders – a visitors guide to the historic building in New York; *Paradise Sands* by Levi Pinfold where children will create a narrative prequel; and *The Last Wild* by Piers Torday which is a dystopian work of fiction.

The guided reading for this term is predominantly based on David Olusoga's *Black and British.*

Maths

This spring term, we will be learning a range of topics, including more fractions, decimals and percentages, perimeter, area and volume and statistics.

The children will also be introduced to new concepts such as ratio and algebra (yay!).

Geography

Why on Earth did they build Pompeii next to a volcano?

In our geography unit this term, we will be looking at the above question. We will be looking at developing atlas skills to locate Italy and Pompeii, developing our knowledge and understanding of natural disasters (volcanoes, earthquakes and tsunamis) and learning about how volcanoes are formed and their impact on the surrounding areas and tourism.

Science

This term we will be studying *Animals Including Humans* and *Living Things and their habitats*.

All this entails how living things, such as micro-organisms, plants and animals, are classified into broad groups according to common observable characteristics and based on similarities and differences.

We will also be learning how to classify different plants and animals based on their specific characteristics.

Music

'Dona nobis pacem' – pupils will be looking at church music in Latin.

'Ain't gonna let nobody' – a focus on spiritual, gospel, RnB, choral music. We also have ukulele lessons this term too!

Computing

Programming: iProgram

This unit looks at using the coding language within Scratch. Using the context of game development, the pupils will design games and explore the concepts of data, iteration, coding development and systematic testing.

Networks, data and creating web content

We will then look at how computer networks connect people in ways that allow them to work together and share information and resources.

RE

This term we will be looking at 'Is it better to express your belief in arts and architecture or in charity and generosity? and 'What do Christians believe Jesus did to 'save' people?'

PSHE

Dreams and Goals

This term, we will be looking at what our short-, medium- and long-term dreams and goals are for the future and what we can do to achieve them.

Healthy Me

We will then move on to look at a unit on how to keep ourselves safe, and healthy. We will look at what we can do to keep our mind and bodies healthy via a range of scenarios and learning activities.

PE

Dance (The Titanic) and gymnastics (matching and mirroring)

Our PE sessions will take place on Thursday mornings. Please remember to wear appropriate clothing, including bringing water bottles, trainers and suitable clothing (jackets when cold).

French

In French, Class 3 pupils will be continuing to develop their knowledge and understanding of the French language, looking at:

- At the tearoom
- At the Cafe
- At the Restaurant
- What is the weather?

Key Dates

- PE – Every Thursday morning
- Y6 SATs Boosters – Mondays 3.30-4.30
- Sports Hall Athletics – 23.1.26 (squad of 18)
- Cross Country – 30.1.26 (Years 3-6. Bring warm clothing)
- Football Tournament – 6.2.26 (squad of 10)
- Swimming Festival – 10.2.26 (squad of 9)
- Magna Geography and Science Visit - 6.3.26