

Life in All its Fullness - Come and See



Year 3

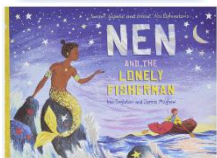
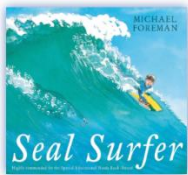
Autumn 2026 Newsletter



I very much hope you have all had a lovely, restful summer break and that you and your family have managed to enjoy some sunny adventures together. We are so pleased to welcome the children back for the start of the new school year. Each term, we will be sending out an information leaflet similar to this one, which will provide you with details of our upcoming learning. Year 3 will also be ably supported by Miss Hall and Mrs Zenonos in the mornings. During the afternoons, Year 3 will be supported by Mr Dean and Mrs Small (Mondays, Tuesdays and Wednesdays). We very much look forward to working with you and your children during their time in Year 3.

Maths

In Maths, we use the Herts for Learning materials along with other resources to support our teaching of the Primary Curriculum. Techniques to support learning include partner talk, games, book work, investigations, use of concrete materials and many other techniques. In the first term, we focus on developing a secure understanding of place value and times table facts; exploring mental and written methods for addition and subtraction - and solving problems relating to estimation and measure.



English

This term, when writing, we will be looking at two key texts in class. We will be reading 'Seal Surfer' by Michael Foreman, followed by 'Nen and the Lonely Fisherman' by Ian Eagleton. The aim of each unit is to immerse the children in rich vocabulary and language, that will inspire them and demonstrate how words can evoke emotion from the reader at every level. We will spend lots of time in class exploring the language in each text and we will also be performing scenes from the text. We will be writing descriptions of key events and characters too. Grammar will be incorporated into the teaching of writing, but may also take place in stand-alone grammar lessons. In addition, we will be carrying out regular whole class reading and spelling sessions. We will be reading 'The Sea Book' by Charlotte Milner, followed by 'The Thames and Tide Club: The Secret City' by Katya Balen. The children will also continue to develop their handwriting skills.

Geography

Our topic for the term will be Extreme Earth. In this exciting Geography based topic, we will mainly focus on volcanoes, earthquakes and mountains. We will develop an understanding of the earth's structure and how this impacts extreme weather conditions such as tsunamis and tornados. Some of our geography learning will relate to our art this term too. Towards the end of the term we will also be improving a number of other geography skills such as map reading and compass directions.



Science

Our Science learning links nicely to our topic in the first half term as we will be learning about rocks and fossils. The children will learn about the different types of rock and how they are formed as well as the life cycle of a fossil. In the second half term we will move onto learning about different forces.

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RE

In RE this year, we will continue to use The Emmanuel Project. This term the children will begin by focusing on the religions of Christianity and Islam. We will base our learning on the following questions:

Autumn 1: How does a Muslim show their submission and obedience to Allah?

Autumn 2: How do Christians show that reconciliation with God and others is important?



Art and DT

In Art we will be looking at patterns in nature. We will also be making links with our Volcanoes unit by constructing and erupting volcanoes!

PE

The children will have PE on Monday and Thursday every week. Please ensure that children come to school in their PE kits on those days. Over the course of the term we will be focusing on a range of gymnastic skills and team games as well as exploring different forms of tactics and communication. Lessons will continue to be outside so please make sure that clothing is appropriate for all weathers.



Computing

Over the coming term we are going to be looking at online safety and remind ourselves how to keep safe at all times. We will also develop our coding skills and start to understand how spreadsheets are created and used.

Music

Using our music scheme units, 'Charanga', the children will follow a unit called 'Writing down music' in which they will develop their knowledge of notation and melodies. During the second half term, the children will learn about 'Playing in a band' - this will focus on instruments and performance.



PHSE

RHE lessons will continue to follow our JIGSAW scheme of work. This term looking at what is special about ourselves and celebrating differences amongst us.

Further information

Homework: The focus of home learning this year is reading, spelling and times tables. Please ensure that your child reads regularly at home and log their reading in their home learning booklet. Some of you may also have purchased the CGP home learning books. The activities in these books provide additional opportunities for the children to embed their learning from class lessons.

Please provide your child with a **daily healthy snack** for break time and please ensure your child has a **named water bottle** in school each day. Also please provide your children with a **waterproof coat** even if it looks like it is going to be a warm, sunny day. Please can all clothing be clearly named as well.

We are really looking forward to a fabulous term, with lots of new learning and experiences for the children, celebrating life in all its fullness.

Year 3 team

