

Year 3
Katherine Johnson Class
Autumn 1 2026 Newsletter

Key dates for the diary

Meet the Teacher	Wed 9th Sep	3.45pm & 4.30pm	Y3 Classroom
KS2 Reading Meeting	Wed 7 th Oct	3.45pm	
Y3 Anglo-Saxon & Viking Trip	Tues 10th Nov	All day	Meet at school – Perlethorpe Education Centre
Y3 Iron, Bronze and Stone Age Trip	Thurs 10th Jun	All day	Meet at school – Creswell Craggs

Dear Parents/Carers,

Welcome back to school and a big welcome to Year 3! Mrs Bingham, Miss Samuels and I are extremely excited about the year ahead and hope you are too. We would like to welcome your children into our class. We hope they settle in class quickly and happily, but if you have any questions or concerns, please pop in to talk to us or write a note in their new planner for us to respond to.

Katherine Johnson is Year 3's inspirational person. She was a pioneer in mathematics and the first black woman to work for NASA. We have studied a brief history of her life and which of our school values she modelled.

We are extremely lucky to have Mrs Bingham and Miss Samuels as our year 3 teaching assistants. They will be regularly in our class to support children and run various interventions.

We have a great term ahead of us with our new topic 'How is land used differently in the UK?' Within this topic we will be learning about how people live in cities and villages, as well as learning how maps help us understand the world around us.

In science, we are going to be studying rocks and fossils, how they are formed and where can we find them today. We will also be performing scientific observations on rocks whilst learning to understand how we use a variety of rocks in everyday materials.

Art will focus on British artists, looking at the work of Paula Rego and Thomas Gainsborough.

Computing will concentrate on e-safety and coding – continuing from previous learning in Year 2.

In PSHE, our focus is 'Being in our world'. We will focus on our strengths and achievements, setting personal goals and how to work as a team.

In RE, we are focusing on brave people in the Bible, including Abraham, Noah and David.

Our English lessons will be exploring the text 'Leon and the Between Place' and 'The Zebra's Great Escape'. We will be writing our own version of the fantasy narrative, creating persuasive posters, setting descriptions, diary entries and much more!

Our maths lessons will focus on number, place value and number facts. We will be using Times Table Rockstars as well as Hit the Button to support the children's learning of their times tables.

We will be doing P.E. on Tuesday and Thursday afternoons. Please ensure your child has a full school P.E. kit in every day though in case of short notice changes to the timetable.

We are continuing with our homework grids this year with the added weekly activity on reading comprehension. This will be sent home on Friday, along with the spellings. As always, the children are encouraged to read regularly, a little every day if possible.

In Class 3, we encourage children to read with an adult at home at least **three times a week**. To celebrate their efforts, we use our **Reading River** reward system. Each time a child reads three times a week, they move further along the river, recognising their progress and building a love for reading! We shall be checking the children's planners and also listening to the children read throughout the week.

We are extremely happy to welcome parent helpers into our class, so if you wish to help with readers or in another area of our Year 3 school day, please let us know. There will also be an opportunity for you all to meet me at two 'meet the teacher' sessions. These will be on **Wednesday 9th September at 3.45pm and 4.30pm**. In these sessions we will discuss the details of year 3 and answer any questions that you may have.

Please be reminded that we have a policy of no earrings or studs. This is for the safety of your child.

Please feel free to come in to see us if you have any queries or concerns, no matter how small they may seem. You can also contact us using the Class 3 email address:

class3info@cropwellbishop.notts.sch.uk .

Mr Heatrick, Mrs Bingham and Miss Samuels