



Year 3 News

A newsletter for Year 3 Parents

Spring term 2026

RAINFORESTS

This term Year 3 will be learning about rainforests.

We will find out about both temperate and tropical rainforests and learn about their different layers. The children will use books, films, leaflets, images and the internet to research the plants, birds and animals that live in these ancient forests. We will also learn about the people who live in rainforests and how and why rainforests are very important places. We will study the work of indigenous artists and Henri Rousseau before creating jungle landscapes of our own.

Jaws & Claws

On Monday 12th January, Sea Lions and Seals were visited by Jaws and Claws who introduced them to live animals from the rainforest!

Google Classroom

Do check our Year 3 Google Classroom to find our weekly home learning and support with times tables/Reading.

Making Appointments

If you need to see your child's class teacher for any reason, please feel free to catch them after school. We can discuss the concern then or make an appointment for another time.

New Year's Resolution 2026: To become more independent and this is how you can help at home...

Top Tips for parents!

Years 3 and 4 are a time to become organised and be responsible for yourself and your learning.

For your child to become more independent, you can help in the following ways:

- Ensure that ALL of their possessions are named including water bottles, PE kits, jumpers and coats. Encourage them to always put their belongings in the correct place and look for them independently before asking an adult to find something that has been misplaced.
- Talk to your child about their learning each day and support them in completing any homework where necessary. It is always useful to know how much help has been given on any task completed at home.
- Assist with helping your child to become organised by reminding them of what is needed at school each day. Can they start to get everything ready themselves?
- Listen to them read, every day if possible, and record this reading in their school Reading Log.
- Practise spellings and times tables to encourage recall skills.

Staff are here to help!

PE Kit

This term Y3 continue to have their PE sessions at the following times:

Wednesday – Inside (Seals and Sea Lions)

Friday – Outside (Seals and Sea Lions)

Please make sure that they have all of their kit (including footwear/ jogging bottoms if you wish) in school on these days.

For information on what we will be learning this term, please see the curriculum pages of our website.

[St Nicolas and St Mary CE Primary School - Curriculum](#)

CALLING ALL YOUNG EXPLORERS!

Please encourage your child to undertake their own research into our topic on the Rainforest and to bring in any relevant books or artefacts to share with the class.

HOME READING

You can earn points for every book you read with Accelerated Reader, by taking a quiz at school or at home. Enjoy discussing what you've read about!

Spellings

This is a list of useful vocabulary that we will be using in class this term. It would be great if parents/carers could support with the learning of these spellings at home (this is not for a formal test!).

1. Rainforest
2. Tropical
















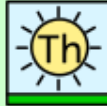




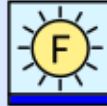




3. Layers
4. Climate

5. Humid
6. Predator

7. Sustainable

With the newsletter this term, we are also including a simplified, general year group timetable to support families at home. You will find listed the main lessons that happen on each day in a normal week. Please note that the order of lessons may vary by class. We hope that you find this useful.

Year 3 Timetable: Spring 2026

 <p>Monday</p>  <p>English</p>  <p>Maths</p>  <p>Geography</p>  <p>French</p>	 <p>Tuesday</p>  <p>English</p>  <p>Maths</p>  <p>RE</p>  <p>PSHE</p>	 <p>Wednesday</p>  <p>Computing</p>  <p>PE</p>  <p>Maths</p>  <p>English</p>	 <p>Thursday</p>  <p>English</p>  <p>Maths</p>  <p>Science</p>  <p>Music</p>	 <p>Friday</p>  <p>English</p>  <p>Maths</p>  <p>Art</p>  <p>PE</p>
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