

Autumn Term 2025

Important Dates

Thursday 11th Sept 2.50pm Year 3 Meet the Teacher, including times table workshop

Thursday 25th Sept—European Day of Languages

W/c 20th October Reading with parents 9.00am

LKS2- Tuesday 21st October

Friday 24th October INSET day

27th Oct—31st Oct Half term

11th/13th November: Parent consultations

Wb 17th November: Well-being week

Friday 28th November PM: Pantomime at South Mill Arts

Weds 17th Dec Christmas jumper day

Weds 17th Dec KS2 Christmas lunch

Weds 17th Dec Volunteer coffee 9am

Wednesday 17th Dec Rocksteady Concert

Thurs 18th Dec KS2 St Michael's church carol service (pick up from church)

Friday 19th Dec—Break the rules day

Fri 19th 2pm—End of term



Welcome to Year 3

We hope you had a lovely holiday and are ready for the new school year. The team in year 3 are really excited about getting to know your children. We have lots of enjoyable activities planned to engage them in learning. The team are Mrs Pratt and Mrs Jones in Skylarks and Miss Cotterell in Swifts. Mrs Georgeu will be supporting across both classes

If you have any questions, please contact the class teacher using their class email. Please allow 2 working days for a reply on the class emails.

Skylarks@northgate.herts.sch.uk

Swifts@northgate.herts.sch.uk

If you have any questions and need information for that day, please leave a message with the office.

PE Kit

PE lessons are on **Tuesdays and Thursdays** for both Year 3 classes.

Children will need to come to school in their PE kits on the days they have PE (white t-shirt, trainers and green shorts/green tracksuit).

This term we will be doing games, tag rugby, problem solving and football.

Home Learning

Children are expected to read to an adult for 10 minutes at least 3 times a week in order to help them improve their decoding, increase their vocabulary and deepen their understanding of the text. If your child is a fluent reader, please talk to them about the vocabulary and check their understanding of the text. Please sign in their reading record. If your child has lost or misplaced their reading record, please let us know as soon as possible.

Spellings, based on the 'Read, write, inc' spelling scheme, are set on a weekly basis. Spelling scores are recorded in the home learning book each week by the pupils.

Maths Key Instant Recall Fact (KIRFS) for the half term should be practised as much as possible so it becomes fluent. See weekly home learning for details.

Times Tables up to 12 x 12 should be practised on a weekly basis using Timetables Rockstars. Teachers will advise on the times tables to be practised.

Maths or English tasks are sent home on a Friday and need to be completed and returned by the following Wednesday. Home learning tasks must be completed in home learning books.

Sometimes, a topic based task will be sent home instead of English. These tasks should take approximately 30 minutes.

Trips / Events/ Workshops

Visit from Spirit of the Wild— Friday 17th October

In the second half term, we will be walking to Waitrose supermarket and will confirm the date for this nearer to the time.

Drop Off / Pick Up

Children will need to be dropped off at school at 8:40am and collected from the playground at 3:20pm. A letter/ phone call must be provided if your child is being picked up by someone else.

PSHE

Focus this term:

Unit 1: Being Me In My World. This unit is about working together as a team and having a positive outlook on life.

Unit 2: Celebrating difference (Respect for similarity and difference. Anti-bullying and being unique.

Topic

This term our topic is 'Predators'. In Predators, we will be thinking about the characteristics of animals and their place in the food chain. We will explore the different habitats of predators and the different climate zones around the world. In science, we will learn about the different food groups as well as our bones and muscles.

After half term, our topic will be Scrumdiddlyumptious where we will be basing our learning on Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. The children will have the opportunity to taste a variety of fruits, understand where they come from and learn about Fairtrade. In science, we will learn all about plants and we will make savoury muffins in DT.

Maths

Your child's maths lessons in the Autumn term will focus on a range of topics, including:

- Place Value of 3 digit numbers
- Addition and subtraction (mental and formal strategies) and worded problems
- KIRFs: I can find 10 or 100 more or less than a given number

Reading KS2

In class, we will be reading a range of texts, including Fantastic Mr Fox. Please ensure your child's reading record is in school daily so they can be used for communication about reading progress.

All children are expected have a book in class. They may use school library books or bring in an age appropriate book from home. If you are interested in helping to listen to individual readers, please contact the office.