



Year 3 Curriculum Newsletter

The curriculum overview for parents and carers.

Autumn
Term
2026

Topics:

Autumn 1: **Save Our Planet** Autumn 2: **Healthy Living**



Phase Leader: Mr Lee
King-Smith Class Teacher: Mrs Ngwenya,
Cowell Class Teacher: Miss Pang

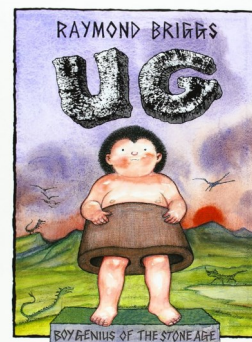


English

Reading

Reading is at the heart of everything we do at Dollis. Children can read any book, including e-books e.g. **Bug Club**. Bug Club books will be assigned weekly and children are expected to read at home every day.

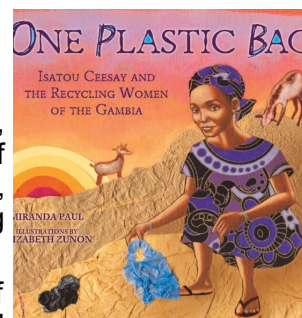
At school, the children are starting the term by studying 'Greta and the Giants,' 'Ug' and 'One Plastic Bag', which are based on real personal challenges to save the environment. In the second half term the children will be reading an abridged version of Peter Pan, The Night Pirates and Tales from a Tent. For Black History Month, the children will study 'A Long Walk to Freedom' about Nelson Mandela.



Writing

Over the term the children will complete several writing tasks which aim to inform, entertain and persuade their audience. The children will be writing short bursts of writing daily to build their stamina in writing. They will be writing persuasive adverts, speeches and posters as well as stories, character descriptions and setting descriptions.

Phonics, spelling and grammar: The children will be revising many aspects of the Year 2 curriculum includes plurals, suffixes/ prefixes and apostrophes. They will also begin to learn to spell 'High Frequency' words by heart.



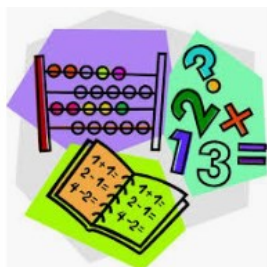
Handwriting: Children will be revising sizing, writing on the line and forming letters in the correct direction. They will also learn to join letters together. Children who have regular and neat joined handwriting will be awarded a 'pen licence'. Those children will receive a certificate and a handwriting pen from the school.

Maths

Times Tables

Now that the children are in year 3, they should already know their 2, 5 and 10 times tables. We will begin to learn 3 and 4 multiplication facts by heart. A good place to start is counting in multiples of 3 and 4. By the end of year 3, children will have added their 3, 4 6 & 8 times tables. The children should log on to **TT Rock Stars** regularly to practise timetables online. 'Hit the button' is also a helpful online practice tool.

Over the term we will be:



- Place Value
- Comparing and ordering numbers to 1000
- Recognising place value of hundreds, tens and ones
- Adding and subtracting numbers 3 digit numbers with mental and written methods
- Checking answers to questions using inverse
- Solve problems using addition, subtraction, multiplication and division
- Measuring perimeters of 2d shapes

Computing

All children will be revising **e-safety rules**. Please discuss this with your children.

The children will begin a series of lessons using the Purple Mash scheme of work. Along with online safety, they will also learn about information & technology

Science

The children will learn about '**Skeletons**' in the first half term. They will find out about the names and functions of the bones in the human skeleton, as well as in animals.

In the second half they will be learning about '**Diet and nutrition**' and '**Rocks**'. This includes learning the food groups and a balanced diet

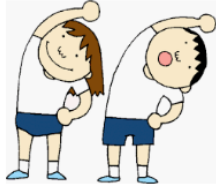
Music

Children will take part in Music lessons taught by our professional Music teacher Mrs Daley starting in the Spring Term 2025.



PE and Games

Dance/Gym & Netball



PE/Games days:

Cowell: Monday and Tuesday
King-Smith: Monday and Tuesday

***Children come to school dressed in their PE kit.

Humanities (History and Geography)

In the first half term, they will be learning about **Food & Culture** including how to use a world map to identify where food is from and making links to climate change. Also, understanding the culture and journey of the food including use of packaging.

First half term children will be learning about understanding of chronology of **Stone Age to Iron Age**. Also, children will be studying climate change to expand their knowledge.

Spanish

The children will start learning Spanish this term as part of the Key Stage 2 curriculum.

They will be taught by our specialist teacher, Ms Mortola, and will begin to learn simple greetings, numbers, colours and animals.



Art and DT

The children will create **eco-friendly lunch boxes** whilst looking at shell structures and what are they and what do we use them for.



RE

Islam and Christianity will be the two religions that we focus on and compare. Children will learn about religion and the individual and pilgrimage and sacred places.

We are hoping to invite some visitors in to talk to the children about the religion as well find out more about pilgrimages they undertook.

PSHE

Mental health and **well being** is a key priority for our children, giving pupils opportunities to share worries and questions. Using the **Jigsaw** scheme of learning, we will focus on our core values (respect). In class the children will be taught about 'being me in my world' and 'celebrating difference' where we will be discussing how to deal with new environments, families and steps to solving conflicts.



Reminders

- **No** pencil cases are required .
- Children come in wearing their PE kit on PE days clearly labelled.
- Clothes and bags must be labelled with the child's name.
- Children bring in their water bottle every day.

Useful links

[Maths at home for busy parents](#)
[Grammar Explained](#)

Homework

Maths: weekly arithmetic questions which will be set on Thursdays and need to be completed by Tuesday.

Children are encouraged to use '**TT Rockstars**' at home..

Spellings: termly spelling lists will be provided and these will be assessed regularly in their writing.

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