



# ELIOT BANK PRIMARY SCHOOL Y3 CLASS NEWSLETTER

Welcome to the Year 3 class newsletter—full of key information for the term ahead. This term, our context for learning is:

*Do I have to go? Why should we care about the past?*

*The Year 3 Team: Class teachers—Ms Allen and Ms Green,*

*Class TAs - Ms Spiller and Mrs Waheed*

## English

We are starting off the year with creating descriptive writing based on 'Troll and The Oliver' by Adam Stower. Later in the term, we will create our own World War 2 letters based on *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes. We will be continuing with simple punctuation and using a variety of conjunctions in our writing. The class will be learning spellings in a variety of ways linked to our current learning.

## Maths

This term, we will be securing place value knowledge and learning about calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also investigate number and money, and continue to learn our times tables, building on the 2x, 5x and 10x tables started in Year 2, progressing on to the 3 and 4 times tables.

## History

This term, we will be learning about History, looking at how our local area was changed by the bombings of World War 2, finding out what life was like for ordinary people during this period. Using our mapping skills, we will investigate how our area has changed. Our focus question is 'Do I have To Go? Why should we care about the past?'

## Science

During the Autumn term, we will be learning about Forces and Magnets. This will include understanding how magnets interact with a range of materials, and the children will be carrying out experiments to answer scientific questions.



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## Music

This term we are learning to play notes on the recorder, building up to playing whole tunes, focusing on using correct technique. The children are provided with their own recorder to play.

## PE

During the Autumn term, we will be learning Gymnastics (focusing on pathways with stretching and curling), and Games—striking skills.

## Art

This term we will be working on sketching and painting portraits, inspired by the work of Tamara de Lempicka. We will be developing our skills in creating tone and texture, and thinking about how to mix colours to best effect.

## DT

We will be designing, making and evaluating our own moving toys, developing our skills in cutting and joining.

## Computing

During the Autumn Term, we will be looking at internet safety, starting with how to manage online information and connecting computers (networks), including understanding the role of a switch, server, and wireless access points in a network .

## French

Children in Year 3 will start by reviewing greetings and move on to our families, colours and counting.

## RE

This term we will be studying Christianity, in particular the New Testament of the Bible, Peace and Christmas traditions in other countries.

## PSHE

During the first half term we will be studying mental health and wellbeing, and in the second half term we will be looking at educating about not smoking.

## Reminders

**Jewellery:** The only jewellery we allow are watches and stud earrings. If possible your child should not wear earrings on PE days.

**Uniform:** Please ensure all uniform is clearly labelled with your child's name and encourage them to look after their belongings. If you are unsure about school uniform, please look on the school website.

**We endeavour to be a nut free school. Please be aware of this when you prepare your child's lunch box. This includes peanut butter, Nutella, pesto, hummus and products with sesame seeds.**

**Birthdays:** If you would like to make a gift of a book for the class to celebrate your child's birthday , that would be much appreciated.

**Water bottles:** Please ensure your child brings in a named water bottle, filled with water, each day.

**PE :** Indoor PE on **Tuesdays**. Please remember your child needs a round neck white short sleeved t-shirt and navy shorts (above the knee).

Outdoor PE for both classes is on **Friday** , for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plim-solls.

Until October half term, your child should come in wearing their PE kit on their PE days.

## Home Learning

Your child will have learning to do at home each week. This will include:

**Mathletics:** This will be set each week on Monday.

**Big Cat books online and books from the class library:** We expect children to read 4-5 times a week and record this in their journal (to be signed by their parent/ carer). Your child will have been given a specific day each week when they can change their books.

**Phonics or spellings on Google classroom:**

The class teacher will add these to the class stream on your classroom.

The children have some additional challenges provided in the 'Take away tasks' Please bring these in so we can celebrate your child's work at home.

## Important dates



We are working on organising a local trip for our WWII History topic, and a trip to a local church for RE.

### Half term

Monday 25th  
October – Friday  
29th October

### Last day of term

17th December