



# 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:

*Why do I have to go?*

*The Year 3 Team: Class teachers—Mrs Lyttle and Mr Green,*

*Class TAs - Miss Midmoore, Ms Nunns and Ms Imran*

## English

We are starting off the year with non-chronological writing based on 'Troll and The Oliver' by Adam Stower. Later in the term, we will create our own diary entry based on *The Lion and the Unicorn* by Shirley Hughes. We will be continuing with simple punctuation and learning a variety of word classes, such as conjunctions.

## Maths

This term, we will be securing place value knowledge and learning about calculations (addition, subtraction, multiplication and division). We will also be carrying out investigations drawing on our reasoning skills. We will 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, 'Why do I have To Go?', centres on the evacuation of children out of our local area.

## 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 investigations to answer scientific questions.



### Music

Mr Prescott will be returning this year to continue teaching singing and recorders later in the year. We have started learning 'Consider Yourself' from the Oliver musical.

### PE

During the Autumn term, we will be learning Dance (use the skill of improvisation, and combining and linking a small number of movement phrases and patterns), and Games—striking skills.

### Art

This term we will be working on sketching and painting still life. 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 making our own biscuits, developing our skills in designing and evaluating. This will be linked to our World War Two topic.

### 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 Bible, peace and Christmas traditions in other countries.

### PSHE

During the first half term we will be looking at bullying, and how to recognise bullying behaviour, and in the second half term we will be looking at drug and alcohol education.

### 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, it would be much appreciated.

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

**PE :** Indoor PE for both classes on **Fridays**. 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 **Wednesday**, for which your child will need a t-shirt, navy tracksuit trousers and trainers or plimsolls.

### Home Learning

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

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

**Reading books:** 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 given a specific day each week when they can change their books.

Children can also access the Big Cat Online Library for a range of e-books. New books will be added weekly.

**Grammar or spellings on Google Classroom:**

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

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

### Important dates



**We will be going on a local trip and a trip to the National Army Museum for our WWII History topic**

**Half term**

Monday 24th  
October – Friday  
28th October

**Last day of term**

16th December