



Welcome back to all our new Year 3 pupils!

Autumn 2026
Squirrels and Hedgehogs
Year 3

Class Teachers:

Hedgehogs: Miss Skutter

Squirrels: Mrs Hatcher

Supporting adults:

Mrs Newton-Darby and

Mrs Chumley

Please speak to the Year 3 Team
if you have any questions or
concerns.

Alternatively, email us on:

adminoffice@newtown.hants.sch.uk

Welcome back and we hope you all had a wonderful summer holiday. It's so lovely to have all the children returning to school soon and we can't wait to see them all.

This term the children will take part in two projects. The first project will be led by the enquiry question: 'Would you rather live by the coast or up a mountain?' This project will be geography led with a focus on comparing similarities and differences in the UK and European cities alongside other curriculum areas such as art.

The second enquiry question will be: 'Why do people want to make their mark?' This project will be history led with a focus on the Stone Age alongside other curriculum areas. More detail on each project can be found on the long term curriculum map on the school website.

Home Learning

Reading at least five times a week

Children should be encouraged and supported to read five times a week. Little and often is best! A child's Reading Record should be signed so that they can achieve their **pin badge** awards and certificates as part of our Reading Challenge.

Count

Recall number bonds to 10 and to 20. Count in 2s, 5s and 10s.

Projects

Every half-term, home learning will be set to build on the learning in school. There will be a mixture of 'must do' activities and choices to challenge exploration of the theme. Home Learning certificates are presented in celebration collection worship, every Friday.

Additional Spelling Home Learning:

Every Friday. Your child will bring home a spelling home learning sheet, to help reinforce the spelling learning from the week. It needs to be completed and returned by the following Thursday, in the folder provided.

Key Dates

September

1st and 2nd - INSET

3rd - First Day of Autumn 1

3rd - Teddy Bears Picnic

4th - Teddy Bears Picnic

7th - Year R first day of school

8th - Years 1 and 2 meet the teacher

9th - Years 3 and 4 meet the teacher

10th - Family Collective Worship resumes - everyone is welcome

10th - Years 5 and 6 meet the teacher

18th - Year R BBQ

23rd - School photos (individual and sibling)

25th - National Teaching Assistants Day

30th - Harvest Festival at Christ Church

October

1st - Autumn Pupil Census

2nd - Year 1 Starbooks event

8th - Disco

9th - World Mental Health Day - Yellow Day

9th - Year 4 Collective worship

19th - Year 6 Little Canada

23rd - INSET

23rd - Last day of Autumn 1

HALF TERM (26th - 30th October)

2nd November - First day of Autumn 2

Collective Worship

Our family collective worships will take place every Thursday at 9.15am



PE

Please ensure that your child's **named** PE kit is always in school and ready for indoor and outdoor activities. PE will take place in afternoon sessions. Timetables may be changed or re-arranged so please ensure your child's PE kit is **in school each day**.

PE Kit should include;

- Black shorts (Black tracksuit bottoms may be worn outside in cooler weather)
- Plain white t-shirt or house colour t-shirt
- Plimsolls/trainers for outside

Earrings need to be removed for PE (at home please), but if this is not possible please cover them with tape until they can be removed. Long hair also needs to be tied up.

Please name school uniform, just in case something gets placed in the wrong PE bag when getting ready for PE. Thank you.

