

Years 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter 2025

Welcome back! We are excited for a fantastic term of learning and discovery in Year 3. Below are the key areas we'll be focusing on across our subjects.



Literacy

Our literacy works this term will be centred around two wonderful books: *The Barnabus Project* and *The Tear Thief*. *The Barnabus Project* is about a genetically engineered "Failed Project" and his friends' escape to find freedom. We will be discussing themes of diversity, acceptance, following your dreams, and being true to yourself.

In *The Tear Thief*, this poignant story explores the concept of tears and emotions, where the thief only values tears of true sorrow. We will use this to discuss a range of feelings and what it means to value true feelings.

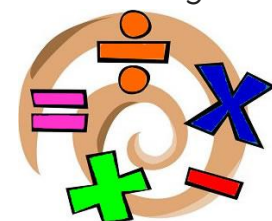
Key Skills: We'll be creating our own narratives and exploring the important concept of empathy within our characters and stories.

Numeracy

We'll be building a strong foundation in addition and subtraction this term, focusing on a mix of mental and written methods to help children select the most efficient strategy.

Methods: We will cover column addition and subtraction for more formal written calculations.

Conceptual Understanding: We will also use practical strategies like Base 10 (using physical or drawn resources to represent numbers) and the whole-part-whole method to deepen their understanding of number relationships.



Science – Animals and living things.

We will investigate the importance of nutrition and the main body parts associated with the skeleton and muscles, finding out how different parts of the body have special functions.

Geography – We will become geographers this term, investigating our local area of Spittal, Berwick-upon-Tweed. We'll



look at the key physical and human features of Spittal, such as its famous beach, the promenade, and its historical development as a fishing and sea-bathing village. We will then compare Spittal with other places in the wider Berwick-upon-Tweed area, looking at how the geography and land use differ across the town.

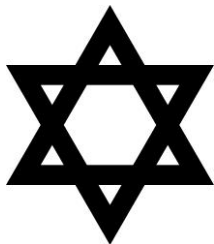
Art

Continuing our Viking theme, we will study different forms of Viking art and design. The term will culminate in us creating our own Viking shields!

PSHE

PSHE Celebrating Differences Our focus will be on understanding, respecting, and celebrating the unique qualities and differences in ourselves and others.

RE



R.E. Following God We will explore the concept of faith and what it is like for a person to follow God in many different religions around the world.

ICT

ICT Computing Systems We'll be learning about the components that make up computing systems and how different devices connect and communicate through system networks.



Our P.E lessons this term will be on Wednesdays and Fridays.

