



Donington on Bain Primary School

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Class 3 Autumn Term 1 2025/2026 Newsletter

Dear parents/carers,

Welcome back to school! We are very much looking forward to this year and all the exciting learning opportunities we have planned. We will begin the term with a focus on reading regularly and hope that the Sponsored Read helps to motivate and reward the children to set up a strong routine for reading at home. Our overarching theme to Christmas is **INVASION** – learning about the Anglo-Saxon and Viking era in Britain. There will be an interactive workshop coming into school on 16th October to enrich the children's learning experiences of the topic. More information to follow.

English: Setting and description – We will be studying a model text called 'The Garden' and recreating our own portal story based on the features learned from this text. We will also be ensuring children have the essential skills to become successful writers, by focusing on handwriting, spellings, posture and pencil grip, as well as grammar essentials including punctuating sentences accurately.

Maths: This term begins by revising and developing our knowledge of time, including reading digital and analogue clocks and using time as a measurement. We will then move on to place value and the number system followed by addition and subtraction where Year 3 children will begin to master their skills in written methods and Year 4 children will hone their understanding and apply it to a range of problem-solving activities. At the start of lessons, we begin with a recap of previous learning and throughout the term, will be learning and practising our times tables. This term, Year 3s will be revising 2, 5 and 10 times tables and Year 4 children will be revising these facts, plus, 3, 4 and 8 times tables.

Science: Food and the digestive system - This project teaches children about the human digestive system. They explore the main parts, starting with the mouth and teeth, identifying teeth types and their functions. They link this learning to animals' diets and construct food chains to show the flow of energy.

History: Invasion – This project teaches children about life in Britain after the Roman withdrawal. Children will learn about Anglo-Saxon and Viking invasions up to the Norman conquest.

Geography: Key concepts and knowledge will be revisited over the term.

D & T: Fresh Food, Good Food - This project teaches children about food decay and preservation. They discover key inventions in food preservation and packaging, then make examples. The children prepare, package and evaluate a healthy snack.

Art: Contrast and Complement - This project teaches children about colour theory by studying the colour wheel and colour mixing. It includes an exploration of tertiary colours, warm and cool colours, complementary colours and analogous colours, and how artists use colour in their artwork.

Music: Mountains - The children will be learning to tell stories through music; listening to music and considering the narrative it could represent; paying close attention to the dynamics,



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pitch and tempo and how they change; creating original compositions to match an animation, building up layers of texture.

Computing: Networks and the Internet - Introduction to the concept of networks, learning how devices communicate. From identifying components, learn how information is shared and deepen this understanding by exploring examples of real-world networks.

French: This is Me – In this unit we will learn to how to exchange greetings and share personal information such as names and feelings.

R.E.: How do people welcome new life into the world? In this unit we will learn about the ways in which different faiths celebrate and mark the birth of a child. We will study the traditions, rituals and promises carried out in the Christian, Islamic and Hindu faiths.

PSHE: Jigsaw Theme – Being Me in My World (Taught by Mrs Anyan on Tuesday afternoons)

Nature School:

Class 3 and 4 Nature School Timetable Autumn Term	
*11/09/25	Class 4
15/09/25	Class 4
22/09/25	Class 4
29/09/25	Class 4
06/10/25	Class 3
13/10/25	Class 3
20/10/25	Class 3
HALF TERM	
03/11/25	Class 4
10/11/25	Class 4
17/11/25	Class 4
24/11/25	Class 3
01/12/25	Class 3
08/12/25	Class 3
15/12/25	Class 3
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS	

Please ensure your child comes to school with the appropriate clothing for Nature School on the above-mentioned Mondays. This includes wellies and waterproofs or sun hat, sunscreen (applied in the morning).

P.E. JB Sports will be teaching Class 3 for P.E. on Tuesday afternoons. This term they will be learning net and wall skills linked to volleyball. We also have a range of external sporting events planned for the coming terms too. Details will be confirmed in due course.

Home Learning

Please support your child through the following activities at home:

- **Regular reading at home** – ideally, short daily sessions. Please record the date and sign all reading in the reading record provided. We run an incentive to encourage regular reading at home: every 50 days of reading will result in a prize. Please ensure reading records and books are in school every day.
- Regular spelling practice – lists will be set weekly and an Ed Shed login will provide children with interactive spelling games. Spelling tests will not be held, but regular informal assessments of your child's spelling of the Common Exception Words will be carried out.
- Regular times tables practice – short, frequent sessions using TTRS or other methods. Regular tournaments will be scheduled to encourage participation.
- An optional long-term homework project will also be set periodically. Children can choose to complete this and bring it to school towards the end of the term.
- Ad-hoc learning sheets – From time to time, sheets may be sent home to support your child's learning in lessons. These are optional but we celebrate any work done at home.
- Show and Tell – Out of school achievements are very welcome and are celebrated on a **Friday morning in class**. Feel free to send in photos/videos via email.

Homework Project Term 1: Anglo Saxon and Viking project

Research an aspect of Anglo-Saxon or Viking life in Britain and present it as you wish. There is a home learning booklet for ideas, but your project is not limited to these and you may decide to make an early medieval recipe or use art or crafts to explore the topic further.

Projects are due in the week beginning 20th October

Kind regards, Mrs Bollan and Mrs Gough



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