

Year 3 and 4 Curriculum Newsletter



Autumn 2025



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to an exciting year at PCJS! We are looking forward to new adventures in Year 3 and 4 and have planned a variety of interesting activities for the coming term. Our theme this term is 'Pharaohs'. The children will travel back 5000 years, to the dusty realms of ancient Egypt. They will learn about life on the river's fertile banks, discovering Egypt and its fascinating culture. They will unravel the secrets of ancient tombs, using historical sources and ancient artefacts.

	Autumn Term
Year 3	Addition facts to 20 to include: Doubles to 10 Near doubles Ones without a family e.g. 3 + 5, 3 + 6
Year 4	8 times tables 3 times table 6 times table

English:

At the start of term, we will be revisiting word classes and different sentence types. We will then be improving our sentence structure and punctuation; learning about simple and compound sentences. Our class theme and book 'The Last Bear' will act as a stimulus for writing our own character and setting descriptions alongside a diary entry where the children will be given the opportunity to demonstrate their new learning.

Maths:

Year 3: First, we will focus on number and place value. As part of this unit, children will compare and order numbers up to one thousand. We will then move on to an addition and subtraction unit whereby children will learn efficient methods to develop their mathematical fluency.
Year 4: This term, children will develop their understanding of place value and work with numbers up to 10,000. They will learn written calculation methods for addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.
Year 3 and 4: Both year groups will also have daily times tables practice where we will continue to learn our times tables to 12 x 12. Please see above the fluency focus for your year group to practise at home.

Science:

During our science lessons this half term, we will be learning about the different teeth that we have and the different functions which they hold before looking at how our food is processed through the digestive system. After half term, we will be learning about electricity and making circuits.

History:

In our history lessons, we will be learning about life in Ancient Egypt. The children will use a variety of resources to study this ancient civilization in depth. They will learn about social hierarchy, the process of mummification and the technology, inventions and beliefs of the Ancient Egyptians. We will also be having an Egyptian day with 'History to Life' in school for Year 3 on October 18th and for Year 4 on October 25th.

Computing:

The term starts with an online safety unit. We will then move on to cover touch-typing, coding and effective searching.

French:

The Year 4 children will be learning about Portraits – describing using French adjectives and Clothes. The Year 3 children will cover French greetings with puppets and adjectives for colour and size.

Art/Design Technology:

In art, children will develop their sketching and observational skills. Later in the term, they will develop a piece of artwork which will allow them to apply these skills. In design and technology, the children will learn about simple machines, like wheels, axles, pulleys and levers, and explore how they helped ancient builders to lift and move heavy loads.

PSHE:

Our PSHE themes for both year groups this term are "Being in my world" and "Celebrating Difference". The Year 3 children will focus on things like: 'how to make others feel welcome', 'how to care about other people's feelings' and 'how to work well with others.' The Year 4 children will be exploring what it means to feel valued and will learn about empathy and how to show this towards others. We will also learn ways in which to help if someone is being bullied and give solutions to a range of problem scenarios.

Music:

Year 3 will have instrumental lessons with Mrs Kendall from NY Music Hub.

Year 4 will have music lessons by Sing Education.

PE:

This term PE and Games will take place on a Wednesday afternoon. Our PE lessons will follow our Real PE scheme but the first sessions will focus on teambuilding skills. After half term in RealGym we will be exploring rotation and travel. In our games lessons, we will be playing netball and Tag Rugby. It will be the turn of **Mrs Devine's class** to swim on Wednesday afternoons. Please can you ensure that the children have appropriate (and named) PE kit for all activities.

RE:

Within our RE lessons, we will be learning about why Jesus is important to some people. Throughout the year, we will also be learning about different religious festivals from a range of religions and discussing how religious and non-religious people celebrate them.

We ask for you to support your children at home by reading three times a week and helping the children with their home learning activities.

Thank you for all your ongoing support.