



## St. Nicolas' CE Combined School Taplow

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## Y3 Oak Class Curriculum News Spring 2025

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Happy New Year! We hope you had a fantastic Christmas and wish you the very best for 2025. We have another exciting term ahead of us in Year 3!

This half-term we will be learning all about the Shang Dynasty. This is a fascinating topic that includes us looking at the social hierarchy of Ancient China and Shang Dynasty artefacts. We will also be doing learning about Forces and Magnets in science, which will lead into our DT topic on magnetic games.

The children should wear PE kit to school on Wednesdays and Thursdays ready for our PE lessons. Please make sure that if your child is wearing footwear with laces, they can tie them independently.

Please ensure your child is on time to school. We start our learning at 8.45am and if they are not there, they miss out on learning opportunities.

### Essential Information

<b>Monday</b>	Home learning in Spellings are tested Planner check
<b>Tuesday</b>	Home learning set Spellings set
<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>PE day</b>
<b>Thursday</b>	Reading books are changed <b>PE day</b>
<b>Friday</b>	Times tables are tested Library day
<b>Everyday</b>	Reading books and planners in school (We aim to make the most of any additional reading opportunities – please ensure books and planners are brought in every day.)

### Reading

Reading is important and children are expected to read on a daily basis and record this in their school planner. Make reading fun, engage with the story, ask questions and try reading from a variety of different sources, genres, styles and authors. Reading helps across all areas of the curriculum. It greatly improves vocabulary choices, knowledge and spellings as well as creativity. Recorded reading is

### Multiplication and division facts

In year 3 we expect the children to learn their x3, x4 and x8 table. Please continue to practise these as they can easily be forgotten! It would be great if children could start wearing an analogue watch to tell the time. Please can children have opportunities to handle money and practise working out the change, as well as measuring using jugs and scales.

### Home learning expectations

We expect home learning to be completed on time. Maths and English home learning will be set online, spellings will be in their home learning book. If your child has any issues with home learning, please make sure they speak to the teacher about it or write us a note in the planner so we can go through it with them.

### Spellings

It is important for your child to practise their weekly spellings to ensure good spelling in their work and the development of their vocabulary. In the front of their home learning books there is a list of words they must know by the end of Year 4. It is good practice for your child to learn these in their spare time in order to improve their competency in spelling.

### Art and DT

This term we will be doing a range of art projects. Please make sure your child brings a labelled art smock/ old t-shirt to keep in the art cupboard if they haven't already.

### Water bottles and snacks!

A reminder that your child must have a water bottle in school every day and **a fruit or veg snack** for break time.

## What will we be learning this term?

### Writing

Explanation text, Traditional tales, Information text, Riddles, Narrative, Interviews Recounts, Emotive poetry, RWI spelling & Y3 grammar

### Reading

'Planet Omar' by Zabin Mian  
'The Magic Box' by Kit Wright  
'The boy who grew dragons' by Andy Shepherd  
'Emmanuel's dream' by Laurie Ann Thompson

### Maths

Multiplication and Division, Length and perimeter, Fractions, Mass & Capacity  
Year 3 times tables

### Science

Magnets and Forces & Our Big Science Project!

<b>History/Geography</b>	The Shang Dynasty & Natural resources
<b>RE</b>	'Is a Jewish child free to choose their beliefs?' & 'Does Easter make sense without Passover?'
<b>PSHE</b>	Keeping myself safe, Rights and responsibilities
<b>Art and DT</b>	Magnetic Games & Insects
<b>Computing</b>	Sequencing sounds & Branching databases
<b>PE</b>	Dance, Netball, Football, Tennis
<b>French</b>	Food glorious food, Family and friends

Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have anything you wish to discuss. You can catch us on the gate or for a longer appointment request a meeting before or after school or a telephone call, via the office.

***Mrs Louth and Mrs Barnes***