



Year 3 Spring Newsletter 2026



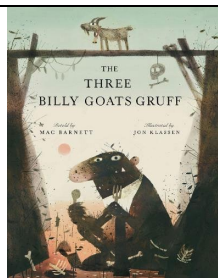
Dear Parents and Carers,

Happy new year to you all! We look forward to welcoming the children back and continuing to develop their knowledge and skills across the different curriculum areas.

Staffing in Year 3:

Teacher	Mrs Marchant (Elm) and Miss Mullane (Ash)
Support Staff	Mrs Cleaver and Mrs Stares
PPA Cover	Mr Amers and Mrs La Fortune

We have a busy and exciting term ahead of us. Here is an overview of the planned curriculum:

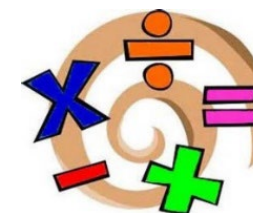


In **English**, we will begin the term by looking at the book '**The Three Billy Goats Gruff**' by Mac Barnett. We will explore this traditional tale, developing our understanding of the story through story mapping and drama. Throughout this unit, we will write in lots of different styles including descriptive character writing, instruction writing and persuasive speech, leading on to us creating our own traditional tale.

In the second half of the term, we will focus on the text '**The Iron Man**' by Ted Hughes. This beautifully illustrated edition will provide opportunities for us develop recount writing from the view of the main character Hogarth, write poetry and finish the unit with a newspaper report.



Our **Maths** sessions will cover multiplication and division, length and perimeter, fractions, and mass and capacity. We will continue to use our multiplication facts to help us use expanded written methods, as well as applying our knowledge of addition and subtraction in solving problems involving measure. We will have weekly problem-solving sessions to help build our experience of solving a range of problems, as well as developing our ability to solve reasoning-style questions in all lessons. In addition, we will continue to develop speed in using a range of mental methods when answering arithmetic questions.



Please help your child at home by learning their **times tables** using 'Times Table Rock Stars' <https://play.ttrockstars.com/>.



Our **Geography** topic for this term looks at **North America**. The children will learn about the different regions of the continent and its countries, and compare them with where we live. We will find out about the geography of the Rocky Mountains to help us write a persuasive holiday advertisement about the area.

Our **History** topic this term is '**Why did the Romans settle in Britain?**' We will learn about the chronology of the Roman invasion and its consequences, find out about the leader of the Iceni tribe Boudicca and how she battled against the Romans, and make observations about this period of history based on a range of artefacts.



PE is on a Tuesday and Friday for both classes. **From the 27th February, Year 3 will be going swimming every Friday morning.** If they wish to, children can come in wearing their swimming costume already on underneath their PE kit. Please ensure your child's name is in all swimming and PE kit and school uniform, as this can easily get mixed up in another's belongings.



We will also be learning how to play handball, creating dance routines to music, as well as developing the skills required to play tennis.

Homework will be sent out each Friday, with what should be completed stuck into their Home School Contact Book. We would like the children to also focus on 3, 4 and 8 times tables using Times Tables Rockstars, if they are not already fluent. We ask that children continue to read a range of texts, from school and at home, with a focus on making inferences about characters based on what has been written, and discussing the language choices made by the author. Please continue to make a record of their reading in their books.

If you have any further questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to come and see your child's class teacher.

Please remember to regularly visit our class pages on the school website www.ramridge.co.uk, visit us on X [@RamridgePrimary](https://twitter.com/RamridgePrimary) or like us on Facebook – **Ramridge Primary School**.

Thank you in advance for your support and co-operation.

Yours sincerely,

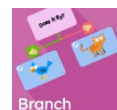
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In **Science**, the children will learn about **Light**. To begin, we will learn what light sources are and the dangers of the sun. We will then learn about how we see and what shadows are.



After that, we will plan, carry out and evaluate an experiment with shadows involving transparent, translucent and opaque materials.



Our first **Computing** unit is called '**Branching Databases**' where children will learn to sort information into categories using closed questions with the j2data software. Our second unit

'Stop-frame Animation' will link with our history learning as children learn to make short animations involving Roman characters and settings.



In **Relationships Education** the themes are going to be '**Citizenship**' and '**Safety and the changing body**'. We will learn what to do in an emergency situation, how to be safe and kind online, and how to keep safe near roads.



In **RE**, we will be exploring God and faith by answering the question '**How do people from different religions make sacrifices for their beliefs?**'. We will also explore the role of Science and



Technology through the concepts of '**What is the concept of miracles in different religions?**'.

Values Our values remain important to us here at Ramridge. We look to encompass these in everything we do, inside and outside school. Alongside our monthly values, British Values underpin our whole school ethos.



January – Acceptance

February – Resilience

March – Determination