



# PURLEIGH COMMUNITY PRIMARY SCHOOL YEAR 3 AUTUMN TERM 2025



This term our topic will be:  
**THE INVADERS ARE COMING!**

In **Literacy** This term, we'll begin by strengthening sentence work and key writing skills. Children will then write a warning tale inspired by fairy tales, followed by a story of triumph. We'll move on to persuasive writing and poetry linked to the theme of Harvest. Later in the term, we'll explore non-chronological reports and instruction texts. Throughout, children will focus on language choices, text features, and accurate punctuation. Vocabulary and sentence structure will be enriched through reading and cross-curricular topics.

In **Maths** we will continue to use White Rose Maths which has a particular focus on using concrete, pictorial and abstract ways of representing numbers and making links between these to improve understanding. The children will consolidate and further develop their understanding of place value and their skills with addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. They will also be working on shape, time and money.

In **Science**, we will begin by learning about Animals, including humans. The children will be exploring how our skeletons and muscles work together to help us move. They will also be finding out about nutrition, learning about the different types of nutrients our bodies need and the benefits of a healthy, balanced diet. In the second half of the term, our focus will move on to Light. The children will investigate different sources of light, discover how reflections and shadows are formed, and learn about the importance of sun safety.

**Computing** will start with computer systems and networks. It will also include research using child-friendly search engines, desktop publishing, copy and paste skills and also using photos. Alongside this, online safety will be an ongoing focus.

Our **History** will be finding out about Vikings and Roman invaders. We will learn about how they lived and why they came to Britain. **Geography** will focus on the countries of the northern hemisphere, compass points and identifying and explaining key physical and human features.

In **Art and Design Technology**, we will begin by learning about where, and how, a variety of ingredients are grown, reared, caught and processed. We will then design and make vegetable pitta pizzas. We will go on to study the work of artists and use our designing skills to make a Roman shield.

We will follow the Saffron Syllabus for **RE**, which will look at how people express a commitment to a religion or world view in different ways and, after half-term will focus on finding out about the Trinity.

**P.E.** will be on **Monday** and **Friday**. As usual, long hair needs to be tied back and earrings must be removed. Please make sure your child has the correct kit (black shorts and purple top). We will be outside when possible on Monday for games so tracksuit bottoms and warmer tops may be needed on colder days.

**Homework:** The children should bring in pieces of homework as they complete them each week. Work will be marked and homework books returned each Wednesday and given back on Fridays. As part of our learning towards mastery in maths, the children will have an arithmetic task to complete each week. They will also be given weekly spellings on a Tuesday. A spelling quiz will then take place the following Tuesday.

**Reading** at home remains important at Purleigh School and we encourage children to read every day. **Please record feedback in the reading record book.** These will be checked weekly. Listening to your child read on a daily basis will be crucial to his or her progress. Questioning should play an important role in these sessions as it will allow the children to develop their understanding of texts and comprehension skills. Reading books to your child, which are beyond that of the level they can read independently, will contribute to extending his or her vocabulary and support the development of both reading and writing.

The LSA working with Year 3 this year will be Mrs Weeks.

Please feel free to contact us either via your child's reading record book, or the school office (this is usually the quickest way). We can also be contacted via email: [Year3@purleigh.essex.sch.uk](mailto:Year3@purleigh.essex.sch.uk)

**Let's work together to make this a fantastic year.**

Thank you, Mrs Shepherd and Mrs Crooks.