

Year 3 Curriculum Update

Term 3, 2026



This update is sent home to let you know what is happening in the Year 3 classes this term and to let you know how you can support your child at home.

Literacy

Throughout this term in PhOrMeS, we will be learning a range of spelling rules including when and when not to double letters, rules for open syllables and the different sounds of /or/. The names of these rules include the 'rabbit pattern' where short vowels like protection, so we double the consonant and the 'l.l.l rule' which helps us to know when to double letters after adding a suffix.

Our first novel study, starting in Week 1, is **'The Iron Man' by Ted Hughes**. Followed by **'Charlotte's Web' by E.B White** which we will start in the middle of the term.

During The Iron Man unit, students will be learning how to write an information report about iron. Exploring how it is found, its properties and the history of its use in different parts of the world. During Charlotte's Web, students will be refining their narrative writing skills, creating stories of two unlikely friends using the characters from Charlotte's Web as inspiration.

At a sentence level, students will continue to build on skills introduced in Term 1 and 2 including:

- sentence expansion using because, but, so
- sentence types and fragments
- punctuating dependent and independent clauses
- writing summary sentences and paragraphs
- writing topic sentences and supporting details
- revising unelaborated paragraphs

As well as introducing how to note take with abbreviations and symbols.

Numeracy

Multiplication and Division

- *UPS Check strategy (Understand, Plan, Solve, Check)*
- *Representing multiplication and division with bar models*
- *Solving worded problems*
- *Solving 'times as many' problems*

Angles

- *Recognising angles as a measurement of turn*
- *Identifying right angles*
- *Comparing turns and angles to right angles*
- *Drawing right angles*

Time Telling

- *Reading analogue times to the quarter hour, five minute and minute*
- *Writing digital times*
- *Matching and converting between analogue and digital times*
- *Solving problems involving time*

3D Objects

- *Identifying, describing and classifying 3D objects*
- *Building, making and comparing 3D objects*

Addition and Subtraction

- *Solving and representing addition and subtraction problems with bar models*
- *Representing money values in different ways*
- *Calculating change*

Humanities

Australia and its Neighbours

Throughout this unit, students will develop their geographical knowledge and skills while learning about the varied climates and geographical features of Australia and its neighbours.

By the end of this unit, students will:

- *Explore a map Oceania including Papua New Guinea, Indonesia, New Zealand and Polynesian Islands*
- *Identify Australia's geographical neighbours*
- *Map major climate types of Australia, Indonesia, Papua New Guinea, Pacific Island nations (incl. Vanuatu, Fiji, NZ, New Caledonia), Timor Leste*
- *Name some features of each climate type*
- *Describe natural features of Australia and its neighbours, including how these are impacted by climate (consider how they are similar and different)*
- *Provide examples of natural, managed and constructed features of Australia and New Zealand*

Social and Emotional Learning

Respectful Relationships - Positive Coping

During Social and Emotional Learning lessons, students will explore and develop a range of positive coping strategies to support their emotional literacy. This includes coping when we feel strong emotions, managing angry feelings and making meaningful apologies.

Cyber Safety -

Learning this term will focus on developing strategies for navigating uncomfortable situations. We will also explore what it means to be an upstander, as well as consent.

Learning at Home

- *Read for 20 minutes each night*
- *Mathletics and TimesTable Rockstars*

Reminders and Dates for the Calendar

Thursday 6th August - *Excursion to Melbourne Museum*

Kitchen and Garden Schedule:

Monday 10th August - *3E Kitchen 3B Garden*

Monday 17th August - *3B Kitchen 3E Garden*

Monday 7th September - *3B Kitchen 3E Garden*

Monday 14th September - *3E Kitchen 3B Garden*

Thursday 13th August - *Year 3 Maths Games Days*

Week 7 Monday 24th - Friday 28th August - *Book Week*

For whole school events, please refer to the SKiPPS Google Calendar and the Newsletter for further information.