

New Town Primary School
Our Learning: Year Three - Autumn Term 2026 - 2027
Cherry and Chestnut

	Learning at school	Learning at home
English	In the first term we will be focusing on writing narratives using the texts, 'Leon and the Place Between', 'The First Drawing' and 'Flotsam' as a stimulus for writing. After this we will focus on writing a newspaper article using the text 'The Tear Thief' for inspiration. We will be focusing on using rich and varied vocabulary in our writing while we explore different types of sentences that help to engage the reader. There will be a continued emphasis on embedding handwriting, spelling, and punctuation and grammar skills in all our writing. We will have daily comprehension lessons where we will continue to develop our skills of retrieval, inference and prediction. On a daily basis, we will dedicate some time to reading our class book, to create a community of readers.	• Challenge yourself to explore new authors or a different genre of books to what you usually choose. You could share your new discovery with a sibling or classmate. • Listening to the news: can you bring in an interesting news item to present to the class? CBBC Newsround has a YouTube channel you could enjoy! • Visit a local library (such as Palmer Park library) and borrow a book of your choice.
Maths	We will begin the term by exploring and using Roman Numerals. We will then revise our understanding of place value up to 1000; gaining a deeper understanding of the value of numbers above 100. We will learn how to add, subtract, multiply and divide three- and four-digit numbers, using formal written methods. We will use our reasoning and problem-solving skills to answer mathematical questions relating to place value and the four operations. There will be a focus on fast mental recall and use of multiplication and division facts for multiplication tables up to 12×12 .	• Practice your times tables 3 times a week up to 12×12 – all children have a TT Rock Stars account to support this which can be accessed from: https://play.ttrockstars.com/auth/school/student/70062 TTRS logins are in the back of all children's reading records • If you are unsure about using TTRS, please contact the school and we will be happy to assist. • Revise your number bonds up to 20, 50 and 100. • Can also use 'Hit the Button' to practice their Times Tables. https://www.topmarks.co.uk/maths-games/hit-the-button •

Topic	In Autumn One, our topic focuses on Ancient Britain, and we will begin this by considering the changes to Britain and Europe since the last Ice Age and the different groups of people who came to Britain in the Neolithic period. We will consider the monuments of these people such as Stonehenge and Skara Brae. In our science lessons, we will be exploring forces and magnets. We will investigate what makes some items magnetic and others not. We will also gain an understanding of a 'magnetic field' and also how magnets can attract and repel one another. After half term we will move on to plants. We will identify and describe the functions of different parts of a flowering plant. We will explore the requirements of plant life and growth and investigate the way in which water is transported within plants. We will research the part that flowers play in the lifecycle of flowering plants including pollination, seed formation and seed dispersal. In RE we will be learning about Islam. We will learn about God, key beliefs, daily life, rites of passage, pilgrimages and holy places. During PE lessons we will be developing our stretching and game playing skills through gymnastics and hockey.	- Practice using the topic vocabulary by sharing your learning with your family - show off your knowledge organiser and explain what you have learnt. - Research our topics using the information in your knowledge organiser, books and internet searches to find out extra information that you could share during our class discussions. Put 'for children' after your search topic and use search engines such as Swiggle, Kid Rex or Safe Search UK to keep children safe and bring up appropriate information. https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/levels/zb9wmn
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Our class expectations

Every day	- Arrive at school on time - 8.40 - Wear the correct uniform - both school uniform and PE kit. - Take responsibility for personal things such as a water bottle, reading book, bag and coat - Have a positive attitude to learning!
Every week	- Complete and hand in homework to your class teacher - Read at home at least five times, and record this in your reading record - Learn spellings and the related spelling rule in preparation for spelling test on Friday - Wear the correct school PE kit on your class PE day. Cherry – Monday and Wednesday Chestnut – Tuesday and Thursday - Practice weekly times table ready for maths facts test on Friday.



Reading Expectations

All children should be reading at home at least five times per week and reading books and reading records should be in school every day. Reading books should be with your reading records and placed on your desk daily.

Parents/carers should be signing reading records at least five times per week to show when reading has been done. Parents can sign reading records to show any books that have been read or read to the children at home however, children must prioritise their school reading book.

Reading tracker and competition

We are continuing to run our whole school reading competition with prizes for those who show their dedication to reading. Teachers will be tracking daily how many times pupils in their class have their reading records signed ensuring they are meeting the five times per week expectation. These figures are then added to our reading race board and the class that has their reading records signed the most in a term wins the reading trophy and an extra 15 minutes playtime!

There are also individual prizes to be won so get reading and signing!

Reading record signed 50 times: Reading Bookmark

Reading record signed 100 times: Bookmark Stamp and Bronze Badge

Reading record signed 150 times: Bookmark Stamp

Reading record signed 200 times: Bookmark Stamp and Silver Badge

Reading record signed 250 times: Bookmark Stamp

Reading record signed 300 times: Tea Party and Gold Badge

Some questions to ask your child while reading together

- Look at the front cover. What could the book be about?
- Who is the author?
- What is an illustrator? What do they do?
- What does that word mean? Read the words around it to help you figure it out (context)
- How can you read an unfamiliar word? Can you use your Fred talk and then blend?
- Who are the main characters in the story?
- What do you think will happen next?
- How do you think that character feels? Why? How would you feel in that situation?
- Can you predict how the book will end?
- Who is your favourite character? Why?
- Is there a hidden message in the story? What is it?
- Can you retell the story in your own words?
- Do you like how the story ended? Can you think of another way the book could have ended?

Challenge- TT ROCKSTARS



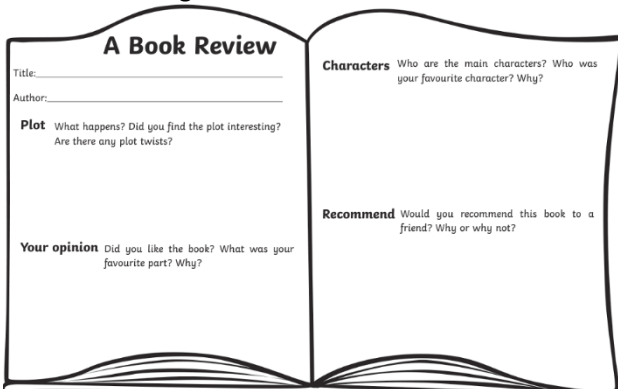
Having a really secure knowledge of times tables facts provides the foundation for the understanding of numerous mathematical concepts.

'TT Rockstars' is a highly engaging, online tool designed to help children progress with rapid recall of tables facts through regular questions tailored to their individual needs. As part of the weekly homework there will be an expectation for children to log on to TT Rockstars for 5 minutes, 4 times a week to practise their times tables facts.

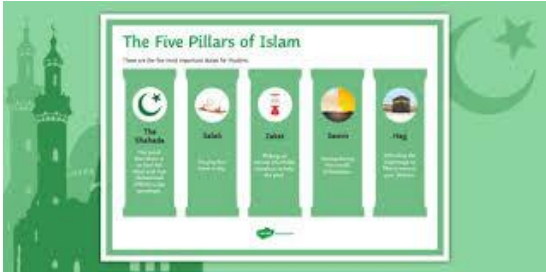
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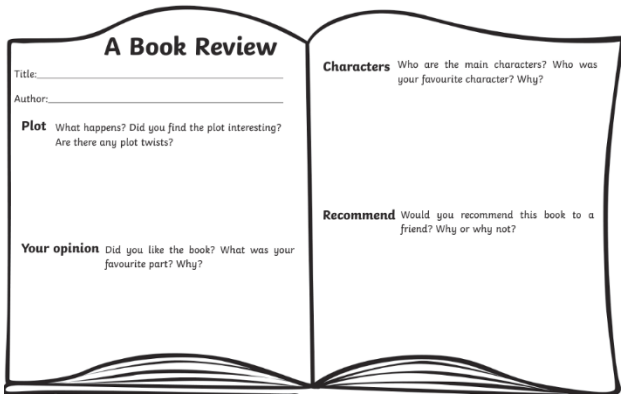
Week commencing	Topic based skills homework	Spellings	Maths
2 nd – 4 th Sept 2026	No Homework		TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min
7 th – 11 th Sept 2026 Due date 9th September	History Use your knowledge organiser to answer the following questions. - What three periods of time came up during the stone age? Can you write a short sentence to describe each? - What is Skara Brae? - What were the new arrivals to Britain during the Bronze Age called? - What did Bronze Age people make tools from? - What were the names of typical Iron Age homes?	List 1	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Write your birthday, today's date and the dates of Halloween, Christmas and Bonfire night in Roman Numerals.
14 th – 18 th Sept 2026 Due date 16th September	ICT Think about e-safety and what you have previously learnt and consider why is it so important to stay safe online? Create an eye-catching E-Safety poster for how to stay safe online. Include information such as: What should you do in order to stay safe? – think SMART What information you should / should not share with others? Include a title and some pictures on your poster	List 2	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Using the digits 0-9, create at least 10 three-digits / four-digit numbers. You are only allowed to use each digit once in each place value column!

			
21 st – 25 th Sept 2026 Due date 23rd September	Art Choose one artist from below and create a fact file on them. - Laura McKendry - OR - Edgar Degas Focus: Who is she? What sort of art did she make? What resources did she use in her art? To replicate one of her artworks. Use the knowledge organiser, books from the library or the internet to create your fact file.	List 3	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Practice using column method to add three-digit numbers. You could use the numbers you generated last week to create your sums. See how many you can complete in 10 minutes!
28 th Sept – 2 nd Oct 2026 Due date 30th September	RE Use your knowledge organiser to answer the following questions on Islam. Who is Allah? What do Muslims believe about Allah and why? Who is Prophet Muhammed (PBUH) and why is he important?	List 4	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Practice using column method to add four-digit numbers. You could use only odd numbers or only even numbers to create your sums. See how many you can complete in 10 minutes!
5 th - 9 th Oct 2026 Due date 7th October	Science Investigate different objects at your house and make a list of those that are magnetic and those that are not. Write a summary of your findings. You can use a magnet off your fridge to test different objects.	List 5	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Practice using column method to subtract three-digit numbers. You could write digits 0-9 on scrap paper and randomly select numbers to create your sums. See how many you

			can complete in 10 minutes!
12th – 16th Oct 2026 Due date 14th October	Reading Read a book of your choice at home (or from the school library) and write a book review for it – this could be presented as a poster or written in paragraphs in your homework book. Things to include: • Title of the book • Authors name • Characters – Who are they? Did you like them? • Plot – What happened? • Your opinion of the book – Did you like the book? What was your favourite part and why? Were there any funny or scary bits in the story? • Recommendation – would you recommend this book to others – why / why not? • Star rating out of 5. 	List 6	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Practice using column method to subtract a four-digit numbers. Ask an adult or sibling to give you random numbers to create your sums. See how many you can complete in 10 minutes!
19th – 23rd Oct 2026 Due date 21st October	English Learn the poem from your English Knowledge Organiser to perform as part of a group to the class. Focus on speaking clearly and projecting your voice for the best performance!	List 7	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Practice solving multiplying and dividing by ten by solving these worded questions: 1. How many 10cm lengths can a 310cm length of ribbon be cut into? 2. The school office sells 52 poppies for 10p each. How

			much money have they collected altogether? 3. Janey saves up £100. This is 10 times as much money as her brother has. How much money does her brother have?
HALF TERM: 26th Oct – 30th Oct 2026	Make a 3D model of an Iron Age roundhouse – due date 4th November 2026 Enjoy your holiday!		
INSET 2nd Nov 2026 2nd – 6th Nov 2026 Due date 4th November	Science We know that plants need air, water and sunlight to survive – these are the most ideal conditions for growing most plants. Grow a plant at home and place it in a spot where it has access to enough light and air and don't forget to water it! Watch how it grows over the next 6 weeks. Ideas for plants to grow: Beans Sunflower Cress Take photos of your growing plant.	List 8	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Use your multiplication facts to help you solve the following questions: 1. A spider has 8 legs. If there are 5 spiders, how many legs are there altogether? 2. A book costs £5. How much do 6 books cost? 3. Felicity wants to buy a scooter for £60. If she pays with £10 notes, how many notes does she need?
9th - 13th Nov 2026 Due date 11th November	History Research the Bell Beaker people / culture and how this influenced life in Bronze Age Britain. What archaeological evidence do we have from this time? Present your findings in an information booklet, try to include a sketch or image of their iconic pottery. You could use this link to find out more: https://kids.kiddle.co/Beaker_culture	List 9	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Go on a 'shape hunt' around your bedroom. Record in a table the different 2D and 3D shapes of the furniture and objects in your bedroom.

16 th – 20 th Nov 2026 Due date 18th November	Life Skills List a range of physical activities that you can do to keep your body healthy. Practice doing each activity on your list and write a short sentence to describe the impact on your body. - Which part of your body worked the most during the activity? - Did you feel out of breath doing the activity? - How many repeats could you do before you got too tired? - How did your body feel after doing the activity?	List 10	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Use your Knowledge Organiser to help you measure the perimeter of six different rectangular objects around your house. Record these lengths in your book.
23 rd – 27 th Nov 2026 Due date 25th November	French Draw and label the 10 different animals in French. Tick which animal is your favourite animal.	List 11	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Create a timetable for your day and record the digital time of each activity. Challenge: include the analogue time as well!
30 th Nov – 4 th Dec 2026 Due date 2nd December	RE Use your knowledge organiser to create a poster about what the five pillars of Islam are. 	List 12	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: Use your knowledge of the commutative law to rearrange three addition and three multiplication questions. How many different ways can you rearrange each equation?
7 th – 11 th Dec 2026 Due date 9th December	Reading Read a book of your choice at home (or from the school library) and write a book review for it – this could be presented as a poster or written in paragraphs in your homework book. Things to include: • Title of the book • Authors name • Characters – Who are they? Did you like them? • Plot – What happened? • Your opinion of the book – Did you like the book? What was your favourite part and why? Were there any funny or scary bits in the story? • Recommendation – would you recommend this book to others – why / why not?	List 13	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min Challenge: How many ways can you represent quarters and thirds? Use as many different representations as you can! Challenge: which is bigger: quarters or thirds? Prove your answer.

	Star rating out of 5. . . 		
14 th – 18 th Dec 2025 Due date 16th December	Maths Create a multiplication game and write instructions for other children in class to follow and play. For example: - Snakes and ladders - Bingo boards - Loop cards	Week 14 Revise the spellings that you found the hardest from the spelling lists	TT Rockstars expectation 3x 10min
CHRISTMAS HOLIDAY End of term 18th December 2026 @ 1.30pm	Enjoy your holidays! INSET Day – Monday 4 th January 2027 Start of Term – Tuesday 5 th January 2027		

Your topic homework will not be marked but will be celebrated in class. will be celebrated in class.

Your spellings and maths facts will be tested every week in school, so that you can see how you are improving. Of course, the learning does not have to stop here: we would love you to continue their learning at home in any way you feel you would like to, and we are always happy to hear about extra facts you've found out, listen to stories you've written or how you might have cracked the next times table set you need to work on. Learning never stops.

Spelling lists for the Autumn Term

Year 3

Week 1	Week 2	Week 3	Week 4	Week 5	Week 6	Week 7
<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Revision of the alphabetic code.	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Common words from KS1	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Statutory word list and adding prefixes and suffixes	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Revision of suffixes - ing, ed, er, est, and plurals (s and es).	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Adding suffixes beginning with vowel letters to words of more than one syllable.	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> The 'i' sound spelt 'y' elsewhere that at the end of words	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Review
door duck monkey	January February March	actual appear bicycle	replies copied happier	writing reading reader	pyramid symbol syrup	March April appear

who write toy tube nurse hair eight	April Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday May month	build calendar address arrive breath busy caught	nicer patted tries copying happy nice pat	cleaning cleaner forgotten beginner gardening limited writer	typical Egypt crystal gym hymn mystery lynx	nicest limitation September October arrive patting writing
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Week 8	Week 9	Week 10	Week 11	Week 12	Week 13	Week 14
<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Common words from keys stage 1.	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Statutory word list and adding prefixes and suffixes	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> The 'u' sound spelt ou.	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Prefix mis, dis	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> More prefixes re, sub, tele	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> More prefixes super, auto, pre	<u>Spelling Rule:</u> Review
night father mother beautiful water would could should because said	consider describe disappear eight exercise extreme forward famous favourite February	cousins enough nourish countries rough colour couple southern double trouble	disobedient misfire misspent misplace disgrace disguise misbehave misunderstand misconduct mislead	return subdivide submerge recount reassess subheading subconscious telescope telesales telegraph	superman autograph prefix autonomy precondition supermarket autobiography preface automate predetermined	Supermarket autobiography preface autonomy precondition people different colour disagree subheading

Challenge: Earn yourself some extra house points!

5 House Points – whilst learning each spelling list every week, could your child choose five of the words and put them into five separate interesting sentences.