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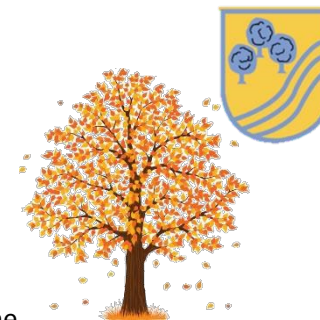
We are learners

Mount Pleasant Lane Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter

Year 3

2026 Autumn 1



Dear Parents and Carers,

Welcome to the new school year! It has been fantastic to see all the children's bright and eager faces this week. We know that the beginning of the year can often bring a mixture of feelings – excitement, happiness, nervousness – but the children have done a fantastic job at settling back into the school routines and learning many new ones, with myself. We are all so excited for the terms ahead and we hope that we can encourage and support your child with their learning throughout the year. My classroom door is always open at the end of the day, if you ever want to talk. I cannot wait for the year ahead and thank you in advance for your continued support.

Mrs Fletcher Bryan

Key dates for your diary:	• Meet the teacher session – Tuesday 15th September 9-9:30 am • Year 3&4 trip to Chiltern Open Air Museum – Monday 28th September • Open Classroom Wednesday 21st October
PE days & kit required:	Our P.E. days are Wednesdays and Thursdays . Please ensure your child has their P.E. kit in school ready for these sessions, which includes a royal blue t-shirt.
Homework:	• Children are expected to read every night for 10 minutes and log their reading at least 4 x per week on Boom-Reader. • Maths will be set on Fridays through MyMaths and completed by the following Wednesday. • Children are to practise their times tables through Timestable Rock Stars. • Spelling homework is through EdShed. Spelling patterns are released on Fridays and spelling dictation tests take place the following Friday.
Contact us: 	Communication is vital to us supporting the school community effectively. Please speak to your class teacher on the door at drop off or pick up if you have a short query or message. For longer conversations, please email admin@mountpleasant.herts.sch.uk FAO class teacher name and they will call you to discuss as soon as possible. Please be aware that teachers are teaching throughout the day so will be unable to speak to you immediately.
Recommended read:	This is a heartwarming picture book about a girl called Grace, who loves to read and act out stories. The author explores themes of self-belief and over-coming obstacles. Delightful, beautifully drawn pictures will draw the reader into world of Grace and her family. A book that will appeal to adults as well as children. 



Our theme this half term is: **The Stone Age**

English: In writing this half term, we will start with the story <i>Little Red Writing Hood</i>, continuing with our English programme, Talk for Writing. The pupils will learn how to use rich, descriptive language to create carefully written settings. Children will bring home the short story to learn by heart. Please support your child as they 'immerse' themselves in the story in preparation for writing their own story later on during the half term.	Science: Our science topic is <i>Light</i>. We will be creating experiments to test how light works and will be learning about how light goes through water and other objects.	History/Geography: In our <i>Stone Age</i> topic, we will be learning about the timeline of early humans including what life would have been like at the time. We will explore some of the earliest structures made by humans.
Reading: In reading, we will be focusing on the Stone Age Boy and The First Drawing. The class will be developing skills in fluency, checking that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context. The children will ask questions to improve their understanding of a text, identify main ideas drawn from more than one paragraph and summarise these. Pupils will also begin learning how to identify morals and messages in a story.		Computing: We are starting our computing with the topic, <i>Connecting Computers</i>. The programme will teach pupils about where and how to save files, use a keyboard effectively, and use a search engine to find simple information. The children will recognise that school computers are connected. Children will also learn to identify the parts of a network, including switch, server and wireless access point as well as explain why we need to keep our password safe.
Maths: We will begin this half term by recapping our knowledge of place value and explore numbers to 1000. We will then move onto calculations, where we will look at the operations of addition and subtraction and learn new strategies to help us solve a range of different questions and problems.	French: This half term, we are learning various greetings. Children will learn the vocabulary for basic greetings enabling them to participate in a short oral conversation by the end of the unit.	P.S.H.E: This half term the class will be studying a unit called <i>Me in My World</i>. The pupils will understand that they are important, know what a personal goal is and understand what a challenge is.
	R.E: Key Question: Our focus, this half term, is Hinduism. Our key question is, 'Does visiting the Ganges make a person a better Sanatani?' A Sanatani believes in the journey of the soul and a universal, eternal truth connecting all beings.	Art / D.T: Exploring Prehistoric Art We will be reflecting on the purpose of cave art paintings and introduce a sense of proportion when drawing an animal.