



Ashfield Junior School

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Curriculum Leaflet Year 3 Autumn Term 2026

 English Our core texts for this term include: Mini Rabbit Not Lost, Free Verse poems (Words are ours and Magic Box). 3F – The Hodgeheg 3M – George’s Marvellous Medicine We will create our own version of Mini Rabbit by changing the character, setting and plot. We focus on using simple and compound sentences, capital letters, full stops, present and past tense. In poetry, we compare both poems and discuss the different authors. We create our poems inspired by ‘The Magic Box’ with a focus on descriptive language. In our handwriting sessions, we are focused on joining letters fluently. In Spelling we learn about ‘the codes’ which are vowel digraphs and trigraphs.	 Maths This term Year 3 will be exploring place value. We will be using 100 squares, dienes and place value counters to support our understanding. We will be learning how to recognise the value of each digit in 3 digit numbers. We will then use this to learn how to add and subtract 3 digit numbers using formal methods. We explore properties of shapes such as angles, symmetry, vertical and horizontal lines and perpendicular and parallel. You can support your child at home with their maths homework weekly and work on telling the time to the nearest 5 minutes.	 Science This half term we will be exploring light and shadow. We will be making observations of shadows and investigating what happens when light shines on materials with different properties. Next term we will be investigating rocks, soils and fossils. We will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their simple physical properties. Recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter. Describe in simple terms how fossils are formed.
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In Guided reading we read a range of texts with a focus on retrieval, inference, vocabulary and prediction.
You can support your child at home by reading with them daily ensuring that they are reading for meaning. Please check that spelling homework is completed correctly. Encouraging your child to write so they can practice their sentence structure and handwriting would be most beneficial.



We will investigate familiar objects that use air to make them work. We will be designing and making a moving monster using a pneumatic part.



History

We are investigating a key question 'How has Bushey changed?' with a particular focus on Ashfield Junior School. We use old photos and maps of Bushey to make comparisons of then and now. We create a timeline to order key events about Ashfield's history.



Geography

We will be exploring the UK and developing our map skills to locate cities and regions. We will be identifying physical and human features.



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 <u>PE</u> This half term we will be developing balancing, rolling and jumping skills in gymnastics. Our games work will focus on basketball with Mr Jones. Next half term we will be creating dances with a focus on counting and rhythm. Our games work will focus on badminton.	 <u>Music</u> This half term we will be learning about the language of music e.g. musical notation, the staff, duration of notes. We will be exploring and developing our skills by playing the glockenspiels. Next half term we will be learning to sing in tune and in unison with our Christmas carols.	PERSONAL DEVELOPMENT  <u>PD</u> This half term we will be learning about families and people who care for us. We will also think about making and keeping caring friendships. We will focus on the school value of kindness. Our online safety focus is managing online information. Next half term we will be learning more about respectful and kind relationships. We will also be thinking about wellbeing and what this means to us. We will focus on the school value of respect. Our online safety focus is wellbeing online.
 <u>RE</u> This half term we will be learning about Sikhism. We will learn about their holy book, place of worship and their main beliefs. We will study joining ceremonies and find out what the 5K's are. Next half term, we will be learning about Christianity. We will learn about the Christmas story and find out what happens in a church at Christmas.	 <u>Computing</u> We will be learning about computer networks and systems. We will be exploring how they are connected. We will be looking at different digital devices help us in our daily lives.	 <u>Art</u> We will be working with cloth, thread and paint. We will use paint and thread to make a painted and stitched piece representing autumn.



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Useful websites to support your child's learning this term

TTRockstars [Times Tables Rock Stars: Play](#)

My Maths [Home - MyMaths](#)

Boom Reader [Boom - Pupil Portal](#)

CBBC Bitesize [Primary resources, homework help and online games - BBC Bitesize](#)

Topmarks [Topmarks - Free Interactive Learning Games, Maths Worksheets & Teaching Resources - Topmarks](#)