

Welcome back to Term 3!

We hope you all had a restful break and enjoyed some special family time. The children have settled back into school beautifully, and we are excited for the learning adventures ahead.

This term, our topic is "All Around the World." We will be exploring different countries, cultures, and traditions through stories, art, music, and role-play. The children will have the chance to learn about how people live in different parts of the world, try new activities inspired by various cultures, and develop a sense of curiosity about the wider world.

We look forward to a wonderful term of learning and fun!

Expressive Arts and Design

This term, children will explore world art by creating their own repeating patterns through printing—using vegetables and a range of fun tools! They'll also design colourful bunting inspired by patterns and textures from around the globe. Throughout the term, children will enjoy drawing with more detail and experimenting with different paints and colour combinations.

Maths

This term, we'll continue using the Mastering Number approach. Children will build their subitising skills for numbers within 5 and begin linking quantities to numerals. They'll explore numbers 6–8 as "5 and a bit" and deepen their understanding that numbers are made of different parts.

Through play, children will also explore length, mass, height, and capacity, as well as spot and create their own repeating patterns.



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Understanding the world

This term, children will explore different countries and celebrations, including Lunar New Year. They'll learn about winter, take part in sensory walks, and investigate freezing and melting.

Children will compare countries, hear stories about Jesus and his disciples, learn about internet safety, and join the Big Garden Birdwatch.

PE

PE will be taught on a **Friday** by Miss Conner. This term, children will focus on Games skills. They'll practise working with a partner and in a team, and develop key skills such as running, stopping, throwing, and scoring.

As the weather is getting colder, please make sure your child brings a warm coat to school every day.

We are also practicing zipping our coats at school, so encouraging your child to try at home would be a big help!

Our library book swap day is every Friday. Please remember to send your child's library book back each week so they can choose a new one to enjoy!

Drawing Club

In Drawing Club, the children enjoy listening to stories and using their imagination to draw and tell their own versions. It's a lovely way for them to get creative, build early writing skills, and share ideas with their friends.

Phonics and Writing

We'll keep up with our daily Read Write Inc sessions, where the children practise writing letters and blending sounds to make words. We'll group the children in ways that best support their individual learning and progress.

Relationships and Sex Education

This term we will be covering our RSE objectives, which look at caring friendships, being kind and families. Please follow [this link](#) for more information about what we will be covering in these sessions. If you have any questions about this please talk to Miss Conner.

DATES FOR THE DIARY:

Monday 5th January – First Day Back
Tuesday 10th February – Safer Internet Day
Friday 13th February – Last Day of term

If you have any anything, you wish to talk to a member of the Year R team about, please do come and see us after school when we have dismissed all the children, contact us using our new email address or arrange an appointment at the office. The email address is toucans@egerton.kent.sch.uk The year R team, as well as Mrs Head, will be monitoring this regularly.