

**Tulip Class (Y3)  
Curriculum  
overview  
Summer 1 2026**

**RE**  
Branch 5: To the ends of the Earth  
Children explore how the message of Jesus spread beyond the first disciples and how Christians today live out this mission around the world. Through scripture, discussion, and reflection, children consider the importance of witness, courage, and faith in sharing God's love.

**Science**  
Forces and Magnets  
In Year 3, pupils learn about forces and magnets by exploring how things move on different surfaces and understanding that some forces need contact, while magnetic forces can act at a distance. They investigate how magnets attract or repel each other and identify magnetic materials. Children test the strength of different magnets and observe how poles interact.

**History**  
Ancient Greece  
In Year 3, pupils' study Ancient Greece to explore how people lived, thought, and governed themselves in the past. They learn about the geography of Greece, the rise of city-states like Athens and Sparta, and the impact of democracy, mythology, and warfare.

**Spanish**  
Leisure - Sport and Opinions  
Children will learn vocabulary for sports and how to express opinions using phrases like *me gusta* (I like) and *no me gusta* (I don't like). They practise asking and answering questions about sports and giving reasons for their preferences,

**Geography**  
Volcanoes  
In Year 3, pupils study **volcanoes** as part of their geography curriculum. They learn about how volcanoes are formed, the different types of volcanoes, and the processes of eruptions. Pupils also explore the effects of volcanic eruptions on the environment and people, and they study famous volcanoes around the world.

**English**  
Egyptology  
In English, children will explore Egyptology through both fiction and non-fiction writing. They will create their own Egyptian mystery stories, developing their storytelling skills and imagination. They will also write a "secret diary," helping them practise writing in role while building their understanding of life in Ancient Egypt.

**PE**  
Athletics  
In Year 3 Athletics, pupils develop running, jumping, and throwing skills. They learn to run at different speeds, improve jumping technique, and practise accurate and powerful throws. Children also begin to evaluate and improve their own performance.

**Computing**  
Rainforests  
In IT, children will explore how technology can bring learning to life by using augmented reality (AR). They will design and create their own simple AR games based on rainforest themes, helping them understand both digital creativity and the topic itself.

**PSHE & RSE**  
Careers, financial capability and economic Wellbeing – Spending and budgeting  
The children will learn about money, including how to spend and budget wisely. They will explore the difference between needs and wants and begin to understand how to make sensible financial choices.

**Maths**  
In Year 3, children develop their understanding of fractions by recognising and using unit and non-unit fractions, adding and subtracting fractions with the same denominator, and counting in tenths. In measurement, they learn to add and subtract amounts of money and solve real-life problems involving change. They also tell the time to the nearest minute, use a.m. and p.m.

**Music**  
Brass  
In Year 3 Brass, pupils focus on learning and performing complex rhythm patterns. They develop their ability to read and play rhythms with increasing accuracy, using a variety of time signatures. Children practise playing more challenging patterns, incorporating rests, syncopation, and varying note lengths, to enhance their musical timing and coordination.

**Art/DT**  
Sculptures  
In Art, children will explore sculpture and 3D design by creating their own pieces using a range of materials and techniques. They will focus on abstract shapes, learning how to combine, balance, and structure forms to express ideas creatively.

**Events & celebrations**  
Monday 13<sup>th</sup> April: Return to school  
Monday 4<sup>th</sup> May: Bank Holiday Monday. School is closed.  
Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May: Last day of half-term  
As more activities/ events are planned for the children, we will let you know

**Family Learning**  
Spellings  
Times Table Rock stars  
Reading Plus

