

Riverside Primary School

Curriculum Newsletter for Families: September 2025

Year 3

This half term our theme is...

Hands on History

Welcome to a new academic year and to year 3. This newsletter provides you with the opportunity to find out all about what your child will be learning over the coming weeks, along with some ideas and suggestions for some activities you could try to support their learning at home. We hope that you find these newsletters informative and useful.

What are we learning during this theme?

Our curriculum theme this half term is 'Hands on History' where much of the children's learning will be based on the history of Hullbridge and the local area.

In Science, the children will be studying rocks and fossils and learning about how these are formed. In RE, we will be looking at how do people express commitment to a religion? Whilst in music, we will be learning how to write music. The children will also be developing their dance and ball skills in their PE lessons and as part of our No Outsiders programme Year 3 will be looking at **Splash** by Claire Cashmore, the learning intention is: How do I achieve my dream? This looks at children knowing they can all have dreams, that it is hard to feel confident and if they set themselves targets they can then achieve their dreams. You can also find more information about our learning on our Medium Term plan and via our Knowledge Organisers, which are available on our school website: <https://www.riversideprimary.co.uk/curriculum/>

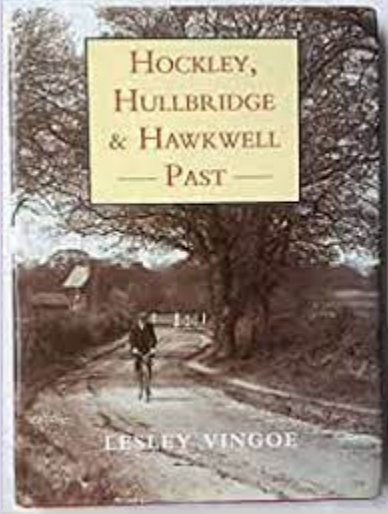
Trips, Visitors and Experiences

This half-term middle school children will be celebrating Black History Week as well as Harvest Festival. To link with their learning of the history of the local area, the pupils will be embarking on a walk around Hullbridge.

How can you support your child at home?

Every week, your child will receive their usual home learning tasks of reading, spelling and times table practice and the expectation is that these are completed daily. Children will also be given a larger homework task to complete once a week and this will alternate every other week from being a piece of written English work or a piece of maths work from the CGP workout books.

In addition to this, please find some suggestions below of how to support your child's learning this half-term:

| <u>Things to do:</u> | <u>Books to read:</u> | <u>Things to watch:</u> |
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| <p>If you have any older family members who have grown up in the local area, you could ask them about what life in Hullbridge was like in the past.</p> <p>Visit Rayleigh museum: Rayleigh Town Museum</p> <p>Visit Hullbridge library to find out more about Hullbridge.</p> | <p>Hockley, Hullbridge & Hawkwell Past</p> <p>Author: Lesley Vingoe</p>  | <p>Here are a selection of interesting clips that your child could watch</p> <p>Aerial views of Hullbridge: South Woodham Ferrers Walks</p> <p>Can you find your house on Google Maps: https://www.google.co.uk/maps</p> |