

Year 3 Wrens Autumn 1 Newsletter

Welcome to 2026–2027!

We hope you have had a wonderful holiday and are ready for an action-packed year!

Hello, I'm Mr Turay and I will be teaching Wrens this year. I cannot wait for us to have fun exploring, investigating and learning!

Staff working across Year this term:

Mr Turay



Ms Daniells



Ms Arslan



Key events for your diary:

Thursday 3rd September 2026 School starts

Tuesday 22nd September Year 3 V & A East

Friday 25th September Wear a recycled outfit

Friday 2nd October Year 3 Parent sharing assembly

Sunday 11th October Run Gainsborough Run

Friday 23rd October 2.45 Parents in class

Friday 23rd October 3.30 -5.30 Black History Month event

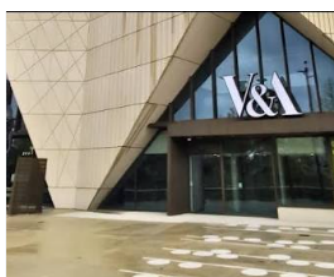
Friday 23rd October end of term

Half term Monday 26th October to Friday 30th October 2026

Autumn half-term arrangements will be shared through the school website and parent communications.

Trips and Visits

Tuesday 22nd September 2026 - visit to V&A East



PE Kits

Class PE Day: Friday

Please ensure that your child comes to school wearing their PE kit every Friday.



Reading	Writing
This half term, our whole-class reading will draw on The Hackney Martian, This is London, All Aboard the London Bus and Eco-Girl. These texts connect closely to our local-area topic and environmental themes. We will develop the following reading skills: • Retrieving key information • Explaining vocabulary in context • Making inferences about characters • Summarising main events • Predicting what may happen next Please read with your child every day and discuss what they have read. Children can also use Reading Plus at home: Reading Plus	Our writing will be inspired by The Hackney Martian, Eco-Girl and our learning about Hackney. Description: create a detailed local setting using precise adjectives, adverbs and expanded noun phrases. Persuasion: write to encourage children at Gainsborough to cycle or scoot to school. Retell: retell Eco-Girl using fronted adverbials to organise events and add detail. Please support your child by practising weekly spellings and completing activities on Spellzone. Login details are inside the homework book. Log in to Spellzone
Maths	Science
In Maths this half term, we will focus on: Numbers to 1,000: reading, representing, comparing and ordering three-digit numbers and understanding hundreds, tens and ones. Addition and subtraction: using mental methods and formal written strategies, including column methods, to calculate and solve problems. Regular practice on DreamBox Maths and Times Tables Rock Stars will help consolidate learning at home. KS2 Maths Adding and Subtracting	Skeletons and Movement We will compare the skeletons of humans and other animals, identify the purpose of bones and joints, and explore how muscles help the body move. Nutrition and Diet We will learn about the main food groups, compare animal diets and explain why a balanced, varied diet supports good health. What does your skeleton do? - BBC Bitesize KS2 Science Curriculum.
History and Geography	Campaign
In Geography, we will explore the human and physical features of Hackney Wick and consider how and why the local area has changed over time. Children will use maps, symbols, compass directions and fieldwork observations to locate and describe local landmarks. 	Our Keep Healthy campaign asks: How can we help feed our community? We will also encourage healthy, active travel by hosting a Year 3 Biker's Breakfast. 

ICT	Connecting Computers We will learn how digital devices work together and how computers are connected through networks.
PSHE	Being Me in My World Children will discuss the year ahead, set goals and learn about their rights and responsibilities within the class, school and wider community.
Spanish	All About Me Children will use simple Spanish greetings and vocabulary to introduce themselves and share basic personal information.
RE	Judaism Our enquiry question is: 'What is the best way for a Jew to lead a good life?' We will explore Jewish beliefs, values and practices.
PE	PE lessons this half term will focus on basketball and netball. Children will develop movement, passing, catching, teamwork and simple game tactics. Class PE Day: Friday
Music	Three Little Birds – Reggae Children will listen, appraise, sing and perform reggae music, developing their understanding of pulse, rhythm and pitch. They will also prepare a Black History Month song and performance.
Art	Printing – Our Local Area Inspired by Banksy and Hackney's street art, children will explore printing techniques and create their own graffiti-style tags.
DT and Cooking	Cooking – Sorrel Drink Children will learn about ingredients, hygiene and safe preparation before making a traditional sorrel drink linked to our wider cultural learning and our Black History Month event.
Please come and speak with me if you have any questions or concerns. I look forward to working with you all.	
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