



OLYMPIC WINTER

Year 3 2026 - Spring 1 Term - Winter Olympics

Competition: Is it healthy or harmful?

Our inspiration this half term will come from the 2026 Winter Olympics. We'll be asking the question 'Is competition healthy or harmful?' Whilst exploring the range of sports included in this global event.

Moving on from simple sentences, our writing will focus on addition coordinating conjunctions to make compound sentences. These are created by joining two independent clauses with words like and, but, yet, and so. We'll learn about Olympic sports, and develop our writing skills and understanding as we describe and explain them.

Whilst continuing to practise the core skills we have learned so far, our adventures in Maths will introduce fractions. We'll look at what a fraction is, and begin to appreciate and recognise common and simple fractions, including their relative values as parts of a whole.

PE lessons will take the form of Olympic sports, recreating the team atmosphere, and replicating the sports as much as possible to parallel our topical learning. Without ice and snow around us, it's hard to bring this sports to life, but we will do our best inside the sports hall. *Children should not leave their tights on when they change for PE lessons, Please provide your child with socks in their PE kit if they wear tights. *Please provide a note if your child is unable to participate in PE lessons for any reason.

Science lessons will also link to the winter Olympics, as we explore forces. We'll identify what forces are, and explore their involvement in the movement of people and objects. Friction, air resistance, applied force, and gravity are just some of the forces we'll look at.

Our History explorations will take us through the origins of the Olympics and the changes to this now-global event over time. We'll look at the reasons for change, and the impact on the world as we know it.

Continuing our link to the Winter Olympics, our Geography focus will be on the regions chosen for the 2026 games, and what makes them suitable for these sports - including what global influences create these environments.

Swimming will continue on Monday mornings until January 26th (which will be our last day). Please remember that you should send a note with your child if they are not to participate for any reason.

Please remember that your child should be reading every day, for a minimum of 15 minutes. They can also access TTRS at home to practise their times tables and earn coins!

We had LOADS of fun learning during Autumn 2 and our Shackleton's Journey topic!

Nov & Dec 2025

Year 3 rocks!

