

PRIMARY 3 – FIRST TERM SCHEME OF WORK

New NERDC Approved Curriculum 2025

Federal Republic of Nigeria – Primary School Three

Weeks 1–10 | All Core Subjects (Primary 1–3 Curriculum Band, Including Arabic – Optional)

About This Scheme of Work

This Primary 3 First Term Scheme of Work is based on the New NERDC Approved Curriculum 2025. It covers Weeks 1–10 of the first term across all core curriculum areas for Primary School Three. Week 1 is a resumption and orientation week, and Week 7 is a mid-term review and assessment week. The Subject Overview Table at the end summarises all first-term topics for each subject for easy reference by teachers, head teachers, and school administrators.

Note on Subjects at the Primary 1–3 Level

Under the NERDC 2025 curriculum, pupils in Primary 1–3 take a minimum of 9 and a maximum of 10 subjects. Arabic Language is offered as an optional subject and may be omitted by schools that do not run it. Subjects such as Digital Technology, Pre-Vocational Studies, French, and Business Studies are introduced from Primary 4 onwards and are therefore not included at this level.

WEEK 1

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
NOTE	<i>Resumption and orientation week. Teachers welcome pupils back to school, distribute textbooks and materials, set class rules, and conduct simple revision and diagnostic activities to determine pupils' readiness levels before teaching begins.</i>	
WEEK 1	English Studies	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 key topics: letter sounds, simple words, basic sentences, and storytelling; diagnostic assessment
	Mathematics	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 number work: counting, number names, addition and subtraction up to 100; diagnostic test
	Nigerian Language	Orientation and revision of Primary 2 oral, reading, and writing topics in Nigerian language; setting expectations for Primary 3
	Basic Science	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 topics: living and non-living things, parts of the body, and good health habits; diagnostic activities
	PHE	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 simple exercises, games, and safety rules; fitness and readiness activities
	CRS / IS	CRS: Orientation; revision of Primary 2 Bible stories / IS: Orientation; revision of Primary 2 Islamic Studies topics; diagnostic activities
	Nigerian History	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 history topics: my family, my community, and respected leaders; identifying knowledge gaps
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 civic topics: being a good citizen, rules at home and school, and Nigerian symbols

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	CCA	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 art, music, and craft topics; display of prior work; diagnostic activities and discussion
	Arabic (Optional)	Orientation; revision of Primary 2 Arabic alphabet and simple greetings; diagnostic activities

WEEK 2

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 2	English Studies	Phonics and reading – blending consonant and vowel sounds; reading simple three- and four-letter words; sight word recognition
	Mathematics	Numbers and numeration – counting, reading, and writing numbers up to 1,000; place value (hundreds, tens, units)
	Nigerian Language	Listening and speaking skills – greetings and simple conversations; naming common objects in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	My environment – differences between living and non-living things; caring for plants and animals around us
	PHE	Warm-up exercises and simple body movements – stretching, jumping, running; importance of exercise for healthy growth
	CRS / IS	CRS: God as our Creator – the story of creation in simple terms / IS: Allah as our Creator – simple lessons on Tawheed
	Nigerian History	My family history – grandparents, parents, and family members; simple family tree activities
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Being a good citizen – simple rules of good behaviour at home, in school, and in the community
	CCA	Drawing simple shapes and objects – lines, circles, squares, triangles; colouring within shapes using crayons
	Arabic (Optional)	Arabic alphabet revision – recognising and writing the first set of Arabic letters; simple sounds

WEEK 3

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 3	English Studies	Grammar – naming words (nouns): people, places, and things; using naming words correctly in simple sentences
	Mathematics	Addition of numbers – addition of 2-digit and 3-digit numbers without and with renaming (carrying)
	Nigerian Language	Reading simple words and short sentences in Nigerian language; matching words to pictures
	Basic Science	Parts of the human body – major external body parts and their uses; keeping the body clean and healthy
	PHE	Simple games – hopscotch, ball games, and group play; rules for playing fairly and safely together

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	CRS / IS	CRS: Adam and Eve in the Garden of Eden – simple moral lessons / IS: The five daily prayers – introduction and importance
	Nigerian History	My community – important places in my community (market, palace, school, health centre)
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Rules and laws – simple class rules and why we obey rules; consequences of breaking rules
	CCA	Colour recognition and mixing – primary colours; identifying colours in nature and everyday objects
	Arabic (Optional)	Arabic alphabet – second set of letters; joining simple letters to form sounds

WEEK 4

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 4	English Studies	Grammar – action words (verbs); using action words to describe what people and animals do
	Mathematics	Subtraction of numbers – subtraction of 2-digit and 3-digit numbers without and with renaming (borrowing)
	Nigerian Language	Writing skills – copying and writing simple words and short sentences in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Good health habits – personal hygiene: washing hands, brushing teeth, bathing regularly; preventing common illnesses
	PHE	Locomotor movements – walking, running, jumping, skipping; simple relay activities in pairs and small groups
	CRS / IS	CRS: Noah and the great flood – obedience and trust in God / IS: Wudu (ablution) – simple steps and importance before prayer
	Nigerian History	Respected leaders in my community – traditional rulers, community heads, and their roles
	Social & Citizenship Studies	The Nigerian flag and national symbols – colours and meaning of the flag; respect for national symbols
	CCA	Simple paper craft – folding and cutting paper to make basic shapes and objects
	Arabic (Optional)	Short Arabic words – combining learnt letters to form simple two- and three-letter words

WEEK 5

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 5	English Studies	Comprehension – reading a short simple passage and answering simple questions about it
	Mathematics	Multiplication – meaning of multiplication as repeated addition; multiplication tables of 2, 3, and 4

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	Nigerian Language	Numbers in Nigerian language – counting and naming numbers 1 to 20 in the Nigerian language studied
	Basic Science	Air and water – uses of air and water; simple ways of keeping water clean and safe for drinking
	PHE	Throwing and catching skills – using soft balls; hand-eye coordination games in pairs
	CRS / IS	CRS: Abraham's obedience to God – simple lessons on trust / IS: Good manners in Islam – greeting, sharing, and kindness
	Nigerian History	Nigerian festivals – simple introduction to popular festivals celebrated in different parts of Nigeria
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Helping one another – cooperation at home and in school; simple acts of kindness
	CCA	Introduction to singing – simple Nigerian children's songs and rhymes; clapping to rhythm
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic greetings – Assalamu Alaikum and other common everyday greetings

WEEK 6

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 6	English Studies	Vocabulary and oral English – naming common objects in the classroom and home; correct pronunciation practice
	Mathematics	Multiplication – multiplication tables of 5 and 10; simple multiplication word problems
	Nigerian Language	Simple oral literature – nursery rhymes and short stories told in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Weather – identifying types of weather (sunny, rainy, windy, cloudy); appropriate clothing for different weather
	PHE	Simple gymnastics – basic balancing and stretching movements; forward rolls with guidance and safety mats
	CRS / IS	CRS: Joseph and his brothers – forgiveness and kindness / IS: The story of Prophet Yusuf (Joseph) – patience and forgiveness
	Nigerian History	Foods and dressing of different Nigerian ethnic groups – simple introduction to cultural diversity
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Living together peacefully – respecting people from different ethnic groups and religions
	CCA	Modelling with play dough or clay – simple shapes and figures; developing fine motor skills
	Arabic (Optional)	Numbers in Arabic – counting from 1 to 10 in Arabic with correct pronunciation

WEEK 7

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
NOTE	<i>Mid-term break and assessment week. Teachers administer simple mid-term tests across all subjects, mark and return scripts, and review common errors with pupils before continuing with the second half of term.</i>	
WEEK 7	English Studies	Mid-term revision of phonics, naming and action words, and comprehension; mid-term oral and written test
	Mathematics	Mid-term revision of numbers, addition, subtraction, and multiplication; mid-term test on Weeks 2–6 topics
	Nigerian Language	Revision of listening, speaking, reading, writing, and numbers in Nigerian language from Weeks 2–6; mid-term test
	Basic Science	Mid-term revision of body parts, health habits, air and water, and weather; mid-term test
	PHE	Mid-term review of simple games, locomotor movements, and throwing/catching skills; simple fitness check
	CRS / IS	CRS / IS: Mid-term review of all Bible/Islamic stories covered so far; simple recap questions and mid-term test
	Nigerian History	Mid-term revision of family history, my community, respected leaders, and Nigerian festivals; mid-term test
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Mid-term revision of good citizenship, rules, national symbols, and cooperation; mid-term test
	CCA	Mid-term review of drawing, colouring, paper craft, singing, and modelling; display of work and mid-term assessment
	Arabic (Optional)	Mid-term revision of alphabet, greetings, and numbers in Arabic; simple oral test

WEEK 8

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 8	English Studies	Grammar – describing words (adjectives): colour, size, and shape words; using describing words in sentences
	Mathematics	Division – meaning of division as sharing equally; simple division facts related to 2, 5, and 10 times tables
	Nigerian Language	Grammar – simple sentence building in Nigerian language; subject and action word agreement
	Basic Science	Foods we eat – classifying foods into body-building, energy-giving, and protective foods; importance of eating well
	PHE	Skipping and jumping activities – using a skipping rope individually and in groups; counting jumps
	CRS / IS	CRS: David, the shepherd boy – courage and trust in God / IS: The story of Prophet Dawud (David) – simple lessons on bravery
	Nigerian History	Transportation in the past and today – simple comparison of how people travelled long ago and now
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Keeping our environment clean – simple ways of keeping the classroom, home, and community clean

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	CCA	Simple craft with local materials – making objects using leaves, sticks, and recycled materials
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for family members – mother, father, brother, sister

WEEK 9

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 9	English Studies	Writing – composing simple sentences about oneself, family, and friends; correct use of capital letters and full stops
	Mathematics	Shapes – identifying and naming basic 2-D shapes (circle, square, triangle, rectangle); shapes in everyday objects
	Nigerian Language	Simple storytelling in Nigerian language – retelling a short familiar story in one's own words
	Basic Science	Safety at home and school – simple safety rules; what to do in case of simple accidents or emergencies
	PHE	Simple team play – introduction to taking turns and working together in small group games
	CRS / IS	CRS: The Good Samaritan – helping others in need / IS: Helping the needy in Islam – simple lessons on charity (Sadaqah)
	Nigerian History	Independence Day – simple introduction to Nigeria's independence and why we celebrate it
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Our community helpers – role of teachers, doctors, nurses, and security personnel in the community
	CCA	Simple rhythm and movement – dancing to Nigerian children's songs; clapping and stepping in time
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for classroom objects – book, pen, table, chair

WEEK 10

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 10	English Studies	General revision of phonics, grammar (naming, action, and describing words), comprehension, and writing; first term test
	Mathematics	Revision of numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and shapes; first term revision and test
	Nigerian Language	Comprehensive revision of all first term topics: listening, speaking, reading, writing, and numbers; oral and written tests
	Basic Science	Revision of all first term topics: body parts, health habits, air and water, weather, foods, and safety; first term test
	PHE	Revision of all first term PHE topics: simple games, movements, throwing/catching, skipping, and team play; first term test

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	CRS / IS	Revision and test covering all first term CRS / IS stories and lessons; simple recitation and recall questions
	Nigerian History	Revision of all first term history topics: family, community, leaders, festivals, transportation, and Independence Day; first term test
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Revision of all first term civic topics: citizenship, rules, symbols, cooperation, cleanliness, and community helpers; first term test
	CCA	Revision of all first term CCA topics: drawing, colouring, craft, singing, modelling, and rhythm; portfolio display and first term assessment
	Arabic (Optional)	General revision of all first term Arabic topics: alphabet, greetings, numbers, and simple phrases; oral and written first term tests

SUBJECT OVERVIEW – First Term Topics (All Subjects)

SUBJECT	FIRST TERM FOCUS AREAS
English Studies	Phonics and blending; Naming words (nouns); Action words (verbs); Describing words (adjectives); Comprehension; Vocabulary and oral English; Simple sentence writing
Mathematics	Numbers and numeration up to 1,000; Addition and subtraction with and without renaming; Multiplication (tables 2–5, 10); Division as sharing; Basic 2-D shapes
Nigerian Language	Listening and speaking; Reading simple words and sentences; Writing simple sentences; Numbers 1–20; Oral literature: rhymes and short stories; Simple grammar
Basic Science	Living and non-living things; Parts of the human body; Personal hygiene and health habits; Air and water; Weather; Classes of food; Safety at home and school
PHE	Warm-up exercises; Locomotor movements; Simple games; Throwing and catching; Simple gymnastics; Skipping and jumping; Simple team play
CRS / IS	CRS: Creation, Adam & Eve, Noah, Abraham, Joseph, David, the Good Samaritan / IS: Tawheed, daily prayers, Wudu, good manners, Prophet Yusuf, Prophet Dawud, charity (Sadaqah)
Nigerian History	My family history; My community; Respected leaders; Nigerian festivals; Foods and dressing of ethnic groups; Transportation past and present; Independence Day
Social & Citizenship Studies	Being a good citizen; Rules and laws; National flag and symbols; Living together peacefully; Keeping our environment clean; Community helpers
CCA	Drawing simple shapes; Colour recognition and mixing; Simple paper craft; Introduction to singing; Modelling with play dough/clay; Simple craft with local materials; Rhythm and movement
Arabic (Optional)	Arabic alphabet (first and second sets); Simple words; Simple greetings; Numbers 1–10; Simple phrases for family and classroom objects

IMPORTANT NOTES

Week 11: Revision Week – structured revision of all first term topics across subjects.

Weeks 12–13: First Term Examinations – written and oral assessments as applicable per subject.

Abbreviations: CRS = Christian Religious Studies | IS = Islamic Studies | PHE = Physical & Health Education | CCA = Cultural & Creative Arts

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