

PRIMARY 3 – SECOND 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 Second Term Scheme of Work is based on the New NERDC Approved Curriculum 2025. It covers Weeks 1–10 of the second term across all core curriculum areas for Primary School Three. Week 1 is a resumption and revision week, and Week 7 is a mid-term review and assessment week. The Subject Overview Table at the end summarises all second-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 from the first term break, review first term results, distribute new materials, and conduct simple revision of key first-term topics before introducing second-term content.</i>	
WEEK 1	English Studies	Orientation; revision of first term topics: phonics, naming and action words, and comprehension; diagnostic assessment
	Mathematics	Orientation; revision of first term number work: addition, subtraction, and multiplication up to tables of 5 and 10; diagnostic test
	Nigerian Language	Orientation and revision of first term oral, reading, and writing topics in Nigerian language; setting expectations for second term
	Basic Science	Orientation; revision of first term topics: living and non-living things, body parts, and good health habits; diagnostic activities
	PHE	Orientation; revision of first term simple games, movements, and safety rules; fitness and readiness activities
	CRS / IS	CRS: Orientation; revision of first term Bible stories / IS: Orientation; revision of first term Islamic Studies topics; diagnostic activities
	Nigerian History	Orientation; revision of first term history topics: family history, my community, and respected leaders; identifying knowledge gaps
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Orientation; revision of first term civic topics: good citizenship, rules, and national symbols

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	CCA	Orientation; revision of first term art, music, and craft topics; display of first term portfolio work; diagnostic activities
	Arabic (Optional)	Orientation; revision of first term Arabic alphabet, greetings, and numbers; diagnostic activities

WEEK 2

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 2	English Studies	Phonics and reading – blending consonant clusters (bl, cr, st); reading simple sentences with new sight words
	Mathematics	Numbers and numeration – counting, reading, and writing numbers up to 5,000; place value (thousands, hundreds, tens, units)
	Nigerian Language	Listening and speaking skills – asking and answering simple questions about daily activities in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Plants around us – parts of a plant (root, stem, leaf, flower); uses of plants to humans and animals
	PHE	Stretching and flexibility exercises – simple warm-up routines; importance of stretching before and after play
	CRS / IS	CRS: Moses in the basket – God's protection and care / IS: The story of Prophet Musa (Moses) as a baby – simple lessons on trust in Allah
	Nigerian History	Our traditional rulers – titles and roles of traditional rulers in different parts of Nigeria
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Good manners – greeting elders, saying please and thank you, respecting others
	CCA	Patterns and designs – repeating simple patterns using shapes and colours; Nigerian traditional patterns
	Arabic (Optional)	Revision of Arabic alphabet; introduction to short vowel marks (fatha, kasra, damma)

WEEK 3

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 3	English Studies	Grammar – pronouns: he, she, it, they, we; using pronouns correctly in place of naming words
	Mathematics	Addition of numbers – addition of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers with renaming; simple word problems
	Nigerian Language	Reading short paragraphs in Nigerian language; answering simple questions on what is read
	Basic Science	Animals around us – domestic and wild animals; how animals are useful to humans
	PHE	Simple athletics – running short distances; introduction to relay games in small groups

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	CRS / IS	CRS: Moses leads the people out of Egypt – obedience and courage / IS: Prophet Musa and Pharaoh – simple lessons on standing for truth
	Nigerian History	Nigerian heroes and heroines – simple stories of people who helped their communities
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Honesty – telling the truth at home and in school; the importance of being honest
	CCA	Collage making – creating pictures using cut paper, fabric scraps, and natural materials
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple words with short vowel marks; reading practice with guided letters

WEEK 4

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 4	English Studies	Grammar – plurals: adding 's' and 'es' to naming words; simple and irregular plural forms
	Mathematics	Subtraction of numbers – subtraction of 3-digit and 4-digit numbers with renaming; word problems
	Nigerian Language	Writing skills – writing short sentences about pictures and everyday experiences in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Our senses – the five sense organs and their functions; caring for the eyes, ears, and skin
	PHE	Ball-handling skills – bouncing, rolling, and kicking a ball; simple target games
	CRS / IS	CRS: The Ten Commandments – simple introduction for children / IS: Good character (Akhlaq) – honesty, kindness, and respect in Islam
	Nigerian History	Our cultural heritage – traditional crafts, dances, and foods of Nigeria
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Sharing and caring – sharing with friends and family; caring for those who are sick or in need
	CCA	Simple drama and mime – acting out everyday actions and short stories without words
	Arabic (Optional)	Common Arabic words for numbers 11–20; counting practice

WEEK 5

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 5	English Studies	Comprehension – reading a short story and identifying characters, setting, and what happened
	Mathematics	Multiplication – multiplication tables of 6 and 7; simple multiplication word problems

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	Nigerian Language	Simple oral literature – riddles and tongue twisters in Nigerian language; performing for the class
	Basic Science	Light and shadow – sources of light; how shadows are formed; simple shadow play activities
	PHE	Simple swimming awareness and water safety – basic rules for staying safe near water (theory-based)
	CRS / IS	CRS: Daniel in the lions' den – courage and faith in God / IS: Trust in Allah (Tawakkul) – simple stories showing reliance on Allah
	Nigerian History	Means of communication in the past – town criers, drums, and messengers compared to today
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Working together – the importance of teamwork in class projects and games
	CCA	Simple music-making – using classroom percussion instruments (drums, shakers); keeping a steady beat
	Arabic (Optional)	Arabic words for colours – simple vocabulary with pictures

WEEK 6

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 6	English Studies	Vocabulary and oral English – words about the market and shopping; correct pronunciation and usage in sentences
	Mathematics	Multiplication – multiplication tables of 8 and 9; revision of all tables learnt so far
	Nigerian Language	Simple storytelling in Nigerian language – telling a story about a market day or family event
	Basic Science	Simple machines around us – wheels, levers, and pulleys in everyday objects and tools
	PHE	Dance and movement – simple traditional Nigerian dance steps; moving to rhythm and music
	CRS / IS	CRS: Jesus calms the storm – faith over fear / IS: Patience (Sabr) in Islam – simple stories teaching patience
	Nigerian History	Nigerian money – simple history of trade by barter to the use of cowries and modern currency
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Saying no to bullying – recognising bullying; what to do and who to tell
	CCA	Making simple musical shakers – using bottles, seeds, and beads; group performance
	Arabic (Optional)	Arabic words for family members – revision and extension with simple sentences

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, pronouns, plurals, and comprehension; mid-term oral and written test
	Mathematics	Mid-term revision of numbers, addition, subtraction, and multiplication tables; mid-term test on Weeks 2–6 topics
	Nigerian Language	Revision of listening, speaking, reading, and writing topics in Nigerian language from Weeks 2–6; mid-term test
	Basic Science	Mid-term revision of plants, animals, senses, light and shadow, and simple machines; mid-term test
	PHE	Mid-term review of stretching, athletics, ball-handling, and dance; 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 traditional rulers, heroes, cultural heritage, and communication in the past; mid-term test
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Mid-term revision of good manners, honesty, sharing, and teamwork; mid-term test
	CCA	Mid-term review of patterns, collage, drama, and music-making; display of work and mid-term assessment
	Arabic (Optional)	Mid-term revision of vowel marks, numbers, colours, and family words in Arabic; simple oral test

WEEK 8

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 8	English Studies	Grammar – simple opposites (antonyms): big/small, hot/cold, up/down; using opposites in sentences
	Mathematics	Division – simple division facts related to 3, 4, and 6 times tables; sharing objects equally
	Nigerian Language	Grammar – question words in Nigerian language; forming and answering simple questions
	Basic Science	Keeping our surroundings clean – proper waste disposal; simple recycling ideas for the classroom
	PHE	Simple obstacle courses – crawling, jumping, and balancing activities; following instructions in sequence
	CRS / IS	CRS: The Good Shepherd – God's care for His people / IS: Kindness to animals in Islam – simple stories and lessons
	Nigerian History	Nigerian arts and crafts – pottery, weaving, and carving in different regions
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Road safety – simple rules for crossing the road and travelling safely

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	CCA	Simple printmaking – using leaves, sponges, or fingers to create repeated print patterns
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for days of the week

WEEK 9

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 9	English Studies	Writing – composing a short simple story with a beginning, middle, and end; using describing words to make it interesting
	Mathematics	Shapes and patterns – identifying 3-D shapes (cube, cone, sphere, cylinder) in everyday objects
	Nigerian Language	Public speaking practice – reciting a short poem or rhyme confidently in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Simple weather instruments – introduction to the thermometer and rain gauge; recording daily weather
	PHE	Simple cooperative games – games that require pupils to help one another to win
	CRS / IS	CRS: The Lord's Prayer – simple meaning for children / IS: Du'a (supplication) – simple everyday prayers in Islam
	Nigerian History	Famous Nigerian landmarks – simple introduction to notable places (rivers, mountains, monuments)
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Caring for the environment – planting trees; not littering; protecting plants and animals
	CCA	Simple costume and mask design – decorating simple masks for a class performance
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for months and seasons

WEEK 10

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 10	English Studies	General revision of phonics, grammar (pronouns, plurals, opposites), comprehension, and writing; second term test
	Mathematics	Revision of numbers, addition, subtraction, multiplication, division, and shapes; second term revision and test
	Nigerian Language	Comprehensive revision of all second term topics: listening, speaking, reading, and writing; oral and written tests
	Basic Science	Revision of all second term topics: plants, animals, senses, light, simple machines, and weather; second term test
	PHE	Revision of all second term PHE topics: stretching, athletics, ball-handling, dance, and cooperative games; second term test
	CRS / IS	Revision and test covering all second term CRS / IS stories and lessons; simple recitation and recall questions

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	Nigerian History	Revision of all second term history topics: rulers, heroes, heritage, communication, money, and landmarks; second term test
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Revision of all second term civic topics: manners, honesty, sharing, bullying, road safety, and the environment; second term test
	CCA	Revision of all second term CCA topics: patterns, collage, drama, music-making, printmaking, and costume design; portfolio display and second term assessment
	Arabic (Optional)	General revision of all second term Arabic topics: vowel marks, numbers, colours, days, and months; oral and written second term tests

SUBJECT OVERVIEW – Second Term Topics (All Subjects)

SUBJECT	SECOND TERM FOCUS AREAS
English Studies	Phonics: consonant clusters; Grammar: pronouns, plurals, opposites; Comprehension; Vocabulary and oral English; Simple story writing
Mathematics	Numbers and numeration up to 5,000; Addition and subtraction with renaming; Multiplication (tables 6–9); Division as sharing; 3-D shapes
Nigerian Language	Listening and speaking; Reading short paragraphs; Writing simple sentences; Oral literature: riddles and storytelling; Grammar: question words; Public speaking
Basic Science	Plants and their parts; Animals and their uses; Our senses; Light and shadow; Simple machines; Keeping surroundings clean; Simple weather instruments
PHE	Stretching and flexibility; Simple athletics; Ball-handling skills; Water safety awareness; Dance and movement; Obstacle courses; Cooperative games
CRS / IS	CRS: Moses (birth, Exodus), Ten Commandments, Daniel, Jesus calms the storm, the Good Shepherd, the Lord's Prayer / IS: Prophet Musa, Akhlaq, Tawakkul, Sabr, kindness to animals, Du'a
Nigerian History	Traditional rulers; Nigerian heroes and heroines; Cultural heritage; Communication in the past; Nigerian money; Nigerian arts and crafts; Famous landmarks
Social & Citizenship Studies	Good manners; Honesty; Sharing and caring; Working together; Saying no to bullying; Road safety; Caring for the environment
CCA	Patterns and designs; Collage making; Simple drama and mime; Simple music-making; Making musical shakers; Simple printmaking; Costume and mask design
Arabic (Optional)	Short vowel marks; Simple words; Numbers 11–20; Colours; Family member words; Days of the week; Months and seasons

IMPORTANT NOTES

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

Weeks 12–13: Second 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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