

PRIMARY 3 – THIRD 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 Third Term Scheme of Work is based on the New NERDC Approved Curriculum 2025. It covers Weeks 1–10 of the third 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 scheme also closes out the Primary 3 academic year, with Weeks 8–10 incorporating year-end recap, sports day, and exhibition preparation. The Subject Overview Table at the end summarises all third-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 second term break, review second term results, distribute new materials, and conduct simple revision of key second-term topics before introducing third-term content.</i>	
WEEK 1	English Studies	Orientation; revision of second term topics: consonant clusters, pronouns, plurals, and opposites; diagnostic assessment
	Mathematics	Orientation; revision of second term number work: numbers up to 5,000, addition, subtraction, and multiplication tables 6–9; diagnostic test
	Nigerian Language	Orientation and revision of second term oral, reading, and writing topics in Nigerian language; setting expectations for third term
	Basic Science	Orientation; revision of second term topics: plants, animals, our senses, and light and shadow; diagnostic activities
	PHE	Orientation; revision of second term stretching, athletics, ball-handling, and dance topics; fitness and readiness activities
	CRS / IS	CRS: Orientation; revision of second term Bible stories / IS: Orientation; revision of second term Islamic Studies topics; diagnostic activities
	Nigerian History	Orientation; revision of second term history topics: traditional rulers, heroes, and cultural heritage; identifying knowledge gaps

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	Social & Citizenship Studies	Orientation; revision of second term civic topics: good manners, honesty, and sharing
	CCA	Orientation; revision of second term art, music, and craft topics; display of second term portfolio work; diagnostic activities
	Arabic (Optional)	Orientation; revision of second term Arabic vowel marks, numbers, and colour words; diagnostic activities

WEEK 2

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 2	English Studies	Phonics and reading – blending longer consonant clusters (str, spl, scr); reading short simple paragraphs aloud
	Mathematics	Numbers and numeration – counting, reading, and writing numbers up to 9,999; ordering and comparing numbers
	Nigerian Language	Listening and speaking skills – describing the weather and seasons in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Rocks and soil – types of soil (sandy, clay, loamy); simple uses of soil and rocks around us
	PHE	Simple football skills – kicking, dribbling, and passing a ball; basic rules for small-sided games
	CRS / IS	CRS: Ruth's loyalty and kindness – simple lessons on faithfulness / IS: Kindness and generosity – simple stories from the life of the Prophet (PBUH)
	Nigerian History	Our national leaders – simple introduction to the President and state Governors and their roles
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Cooperation at home – helping with simple house chores; respecting family routines
	CCA	Simple weaving – basic paper or wool weaving patterns; introduction to Nigerian woven crafts (aso-oke, baskets)
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for parts of the body

WEEK 3

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 3	English Studies	Grammar – adverbs: words that tell us how, when, and where an action happens; using adverbs in simple sentences
	Mathematics	Addition and subtraction – word problems combining addition and subtraction of numbers up to 9,999
	Nigerian Language	Reading short stories in Nigerian language; identifying the lesson or moral of a story
	Basic Science	Simple energy sources – sunlight, wind, and fuel as sources of energy; saving energy at home

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	PHE	Simple netball or basketball skills – passing, catching, and aiming at a target; teamwork in small games
	CRS / IS	CRS: Esther's courage – standing up for what is right / IS: Honesty in trade and dealings – simple Islamic teachings
	Nigerian History	Nigeria's three tiers of government – simple introduction to federal, state, and local government
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Respecting other people's property – not taking or damaging what belongs to others
	CCA	Simple beadwork – stringing beads to make bracelets and necklaces using local patterns
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for common foods

WEEK 4

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 4	English Studies	Grammar – prepositions: in, on, under, beside, between; describing positions of objects using prepositions
	Mathematics	Multiplication – multiplying 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number; word problems
	Nigerian Language	Writing skills – writing a short paragraph about a recent holiday or family outing in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Simple machines revisited – levers and pulleys used on the farm and in the home; practical examples
	PHE	Simple first aid awareness – what to do for a minor cut, bruise, or fall; importance of telling an adult
	CRS / IS	CRS: The wise and foolish builders – the importance of building on a strong foundation / IS: The Five Pillars revisited – simple recap with examples
	Nigerian History	Nigeria's neighbouring countries – simple map awareness of countries bordering Nigeria
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Punctuality and time management – being on time for school and activities; simple daily schedules
	CCA	Simple drum-making – decorating containers to use as simple drums; group rhythm performance
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for the classroom and school environment

WEEK 5

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK	English Studies	Comprehension – reading an information passage (non-fiction) and answering simple factual questions

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5	Mathematics	Division – dividing 2-digit numbers by a 1-digit number; simple sharing word problems
	Nigerian Language	Simple oral literature – call-and-response songs and games in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Water cycle – simple introduction to evaporation, condensation, and rainfall
	PHE	Simple long jump and skipping combinations – measuring distance jumped; recording personal best
	CRS / IS	CRS: The lost sheep – God's love for everyone / IS: Mercy and compassion in Islam – simple stories showing care for others
	Nigerian History	Nigeria's natural resources – simple introduction to oil, agriculture, and minerals
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Saving money – simple ideas about saving pocket money; the idea of a piggy bank
	CCA	Simple puppet making – making finger or sock puppets; short puppet shows in pairs
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases describing the weather

WEEK 6

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 6	English Studies	Vocabulary and oral English – words about travel and transportation; correct pronunciation and usage
	Mathematics	Fractions – introduction to halves and quarters; identifying fractions of shapes and objects
	Nigerian Language	Simple storytelling in Nigerian language – telling a story about a journey or visit to a new place
	Basic Science	Caring for our environment – simple ways to reduce pollution; reusing and reducing waste
	PHE	Simple traditional games – local Nigerian games (suwe, ten-ten, boju-boju); rules and team spirit
	CRS / IS	CRS: The Prodigal Son – forgiveness and coming home / IS: Forgiveness in Islam – simple stories of forgiving others
	Nigerian History	Famous Nigerian inventors and achievers – simple stories of Nigerians who have made notable achievements
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Preparing for the next class – simple discussion on responsibilities as pupils grow older
	CCA	Simple recycled art – making toys or decorations from bottle caps, cartons, and scraps
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic phrases for travel and transportation

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, adverbs, prepositions, and comprehension; mid-term oral and written test
	Mathematics	Mid-term revision of numbers, addition/subtraction, multiplication, and division; 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 rocks and soil, energy sources, simple machines, and the water cycle; mid-term test
	PHE	Mid-term review of football/netball skills, first aid awareness, and jumping/skipping; 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 national leaders, tiers of government, neighbouring countries, and natural resources; mid-term test
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Mid-term revision of cooperation, respect for property, punctuality, and saving money; mid-term test
	CCA	Mid-term review of weaving, beadwork, drum-making, and puppet making; display of work and mid-term assessment
	Arabic (Optional)	Mid-term revision of vocabulary for body parts, food, school, and weather in Arabic; simple oral test

WEEK 8

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 8	English Studies	Grammar – simple conjunctions: and, but, because; joining two simple sentences into one
	Mathematics	Fractions – comparing simple fractions (halves, quarters, thirds); fractions in everyday sharing situations
	Nigerian Language	Grammar – revision of sentence types (statement, question, command) in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Health and safety in the rainy and dry seasons – simple precautions for each season
	PHE	Simple table tennis or badminton introduction – basic strokes; playing in pairs for fun
	CRS / IS	CRS: The widow's mite – the value of giving generously, however small / IS: Generosity in Islam – simple stories on giving to others
	Nigerian History	Nigeria's independence and national heroes revisited – simple recap of key independence figures

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	Social & Citizenship Studies	Simple conflict resolution – settling disagreements with friends peacefully; saying sorry
	CCA	Simple costume design for cultural day – making simple traditional-style outfits or accessories from available materials
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple Arabic sentences combining vocabulary learnt through the year

WEEK 9

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 9	English Studies	Writing – writing a simple letter to a friend or family member; correct letter layout for beginners
	Mathematics	Money – recognising Nigerian currency notes and coins; simple addition and subtraction involving money
	Nigerian Language	Public speaking practice – preparing and presenting a short talk about 'My Best Holiday' in Nigerian language
	Basic Science	Revision of human body systems – simple recap of digestion, breathing, and the senses learnt this year
	PHE	Sports day preparation – practising races, relays, and simple field events for the end-of-year sports day
	CRS / IS	CRS: Jesus blesses the children – God's love for children / IS: The Prophet's love for children – simple stories and lessons
	Nigerian History	Looking back: a year of Nigerian history – brief recap of all history topics covered through the year
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Preparing to move to the next class – setting simple goals for the new academic year
	CCA	End-of-year art exhibition preparation – selecting and mounting best works from the year for display
	Arabic (Optional)	Simple revision conversation combining greetings, numbers, colours, and family words

WEEK 10

WEEK	SUBJECT	TOPIC / CONTENT
WEEK 10	English Studies	General revision of phonics, grammar (adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions), comprehension, and writing; third term test
	Mathematics	Revision of numbers, the four basic operations, fractions, and money; third term revision and test
	Nigerian Language	Comprehensive revision of all third term topics: listening, speaking, reading, and writing; oral and written tests
	Basic Science	Revision of all third term topics: rocks and soil, energy, the water cycle, and health in the seasons; third term test

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	PHE	Revision of all third term PHE topics: football/netball, first aid, jumping, traditional games, and sports day skills; third term test
	CRS / IS	Revision and test covering all third term CRS / IS stories and lessons; simple recitation and recall questions
	Nigerian History	Revision of all third term and end-of-year history topics; final history test for the session
	Social & Citizenship Studies	Revision of all third term civic topics: cooperation, respect, punctuality, saving, and conflict resolution; final civic test
	CCA	Revision of all third term CCA topics: weaving, beadwork, drum-making, puppet making, and costume design; end-of-year exhibition and assessment
	Arabic (Optional)	General revision of all third term Arabic topics and a simple recap of the full year's vocabulary; oral and written third term tests

SUBJECT OVERVIEW – Third Term Topics (All Subjects)

SUBJECT	THIRD TERM FOCUS AREAS
English Studies	Phonics: longer consonant clusters; Grammar: adverbs, prepositions, conjunctions; Comprehension: fiction and non-fiction; Simple letter writing
Mathematics	Numbers and numeration up to 9,999; The four basic operations with larger numbers; Introduction to fractions; Money (Nigerian currency)
Nigerian Language	Listening and speaking; Reading short stories; Writing short paragraphs; Oral literature: call-and-response songs; Grammar: sentence types; Public speaking
Basic Science	Rocks and soil; Simple energy sources; Simple machines revisited; The water cycle; Caring for our environment; Seasonal health and safety; Year-end body systems recap
PHE	Simple football and netball/basketball skills; First aid awareness; Long jump and skipping; Traditional Nigerian games; Racquet sports introduction; Sports day preparation
CRS / IS	CRS: Ruth, Esther, the wise and foolish builders, the lost sheep, the Prodigal Son, the widow's mite, Jesus blesses the children / IS: Kindness, honesty in trade, the Five Pillars revisited, mercy, forgiveness, generosity, the Prophet's love for children
Nigerian History	National leaders; Three tiers of government; Neighbouring countries; Natural resources; Famous Nigerian achievers; Independence and heroes revisited; Year-end history recap
Social & Citizenship Studies	Cooperation at home; Respecting property; Punctuality and time management; Saving money; Simple conflict resolution; Preparing for the next class
CCA	Simple weaving; Beadwork; Drum-making; Puppet making; Costume design for cultural day; Recycled art; End-of-year art exhibition
Arabic (Optional)	Vocabulary for body parts, food, school, weather, and travel; Simple combined sentences; Full-year revision conversation

IMPORTANT NOTES

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

Weeks 12–13: Third Term Examinations and End-of-Session Promotion Assessments – written and oral assessments as applicable per subject, leading to promotion to Primary 4.

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

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