



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2—2024/2025



Notices and Reminders

Our PE day is **Wednesday** Please make sure that you come to school in your PE kit on that day. Reading books and reading records should be in school every day, as well as water bottles and coats (if necessary).

If you decide to bring a snack in, please ensure that it is fruit or bread sticks only.

Reading

This half term, the children will continue reading 'Stig of the Dump'. As Stig and Barney's friendship deepens, they embark on more adventures together. Throughout the journey, the children will expand their vocabulary and comprehension skills. They will explore a variety of comprehension style questions, including making inferences about characters' thoughts, feelings and motivations based on their actions.



Writing

This half term, the children will continue learning how to write a persuasive text. The children will write their own persuasive text about pets and then move on to create an advertisement to persuade someone to visit a place that they have been. Spelling lessons will focus on learning how to spell 3 syllable words using the correct phonemes from the ones that they have previously learnt. In language lessons, the children will learn how to use adverbs effectively and then go on to learn how to use the present perfect tense.

Key dates

Monday 17th February
Half Term

Thursday 6th March
World Book Day

Friday 7th March
Book Fest

Monday 10th – Thursday 13th March
Book Fair

Wednesday 19th March
Choir Voice in a Million Concert

Friday 4th April
INSET Day

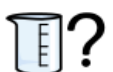
Monday 7th April
Easter Holiday

Monday 21st April
Term begins

Maths

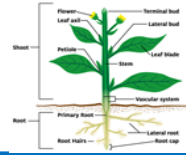
In maths this half term, the children will begin learning about fractions. They will also continue to practise their multiplication tables focusing on the 3 and 6 times tables.

The children will then move on to learn about scales and mass. They will learn how to accurately measure capacity and volume in both millimetres and litres. Then they will use this knowledge to help them compare, add and subtract capacity and volume.



Science

This half term in science, the children will be studying plants. As part of their study, they will be discovering what plants need to survive and grow and what the function of different parts of the plant are. The children will also carry out an investigation to see how water is transported around a plant. They will then look at seed formation and what seed dispersal is.



Geography

This half term, the children will begin their learning on volcanoes. They will explore what tectonic plates are, including the three types of boundary, and they will use this knowledge to understand how a stratovolcano erupts. They will then focus in on Erta Ale, Ethiopia's most active volcano, before learning about the human geography of Ethiopia.



RE

In RE this half term, the children will be learning about the beliefs of Muslims and how they impact their lives. They will be learning about Prophet Muhammad and some of the key events in his life. The children will also explore the five pillars of Islam and why they are important to Muslims living not just in Britain, but all around the world. This will include the concepts of prayer, charity and pilgrimage.



PE

In P.E. this half term, the children will be developing their badminton skills. This includes a focus on grip and performing forehand and backhand shots. The children will then apply their shot making skills to matches. They will also learn about Chris Addock, who won gold medals at the Commonwealth Games.



Computing

In computing this half term, the children will be learning about desktop publishing. They will be learning how to create a template, how to safely search for and insert images and how to use different text boxes and fonts. The children will then use this understanding to create a magazine cover.



PSHE

This half term in PSHE, the children will explore how to take care of their bodies. They will first focus on what a balanced lifestyle is and why it is important, before examining the benefits of quality sleep and the potential effects of not getting enough rest. Finally, the children will learn what makes up a balanced diet.

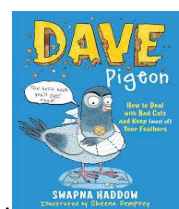


French

In French this half term, the children will be learning to name and recognise 10 animals. They will complete tasks which involve speaking and listening, reading and writing. The children will also attempt to spell these nouns. They will be learning how to build a short simple sentence in French using the animal names.



Suggested books for reading (academies can replace with homework)



Matilda by Roald Dahl
Dave Pigeon by Swapna Haddow