



Year 3 Newsletter

Summer 1—2023/2024



Notices and Reminders

Please ensure children have their reading books and records in school each day.

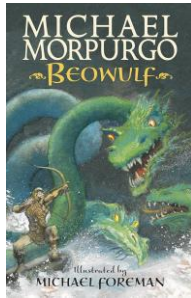
PE kits to stay in school.

Please ensure water bottles are here each day, especially as the weather starts to improve.

Reading

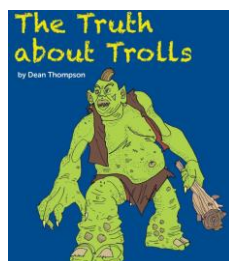
In the summer term, the children will start to read *Beowulf* by Michael Morpurgo. This story is set in Scandinavia in the 6th century and is about Beowulf, the great prince of the Geats, who offers to help King Hrothgar fight against the evil monster Grendel.

Will Beowulf be able to defeat this awful creature before it is too late?



Writing

This term the children will be learning how to write information texts. They will be looking at how they are organised into paragraphs, using headings and specific vocabulary. They will also be developing their fiction writing skills, with a strong focus on dialogue and descriptive language. They will learn how to link paragraphs using a range of openers and explore the use of more precise vocabulary.



Key dates

Monday 15th April - Start of summer term

Wednesday 1st May - Class photos (tbc)

Monday 6th May - May Day Bank Holiday (school closed)

Monday 27th - Friday 31st May - Half Term

Thursday 27th June – Farnborough Air Museum trip

Saturday 29th June - HLSA summer event (details to follow)

Monday 1st July - Sports Day (details to follow)

Monday 8th July - Reserve Sports Day (details to follow)

Tuesday 23rd July - Last day of term (school finishes 1.30pm)



Maths

This term, the children will continue to develop their understanding of fractions by adding, subtracting and working out fractions of an amount. Then, they will move on to look at money. They will convert between pounds and pence and add and subtract amounts of money. Finally, towards the end of term, they will begin to look at time.



Science

This term the children will be learning about rocks. They will compare and group together different kinds of rocks based on their appearance and simple physical properties. They will learn about how fossils are formed and investigate soil so that they recognise that soils are made from rocks and organic matter.



History

In history, the children will be learning about the Norman Conquest and how it changed Britain. Within this unit, they will find out who the Vikings and Anglo-Saxons were, followed by considering what life was like when King Alfred ruled. The children will then learn about the rulers during the Norman Conquest, including the two main battles and they will study the Bayeux Tapestry.



DT

In DT this term, the children will be learning about seasonal fruits and vegetables and when and where they grow. They will understand that eating seasonal fruit and vegetables positively affects the environment.

Finally, they will be designing a tart recipe using seasonal ingredients!



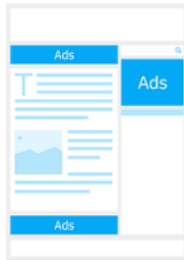
PE

In PE, the children will be learning how to play cricket. They will be learning to throw underarm and overarm effectively. They will also be learning how to strike the ball using a cricket bat. This understanding will then be applied to some game play, where the children will also be practicing working as a team.



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 to use



different text boxes and fonts. They will then use this understanding to create a magazine cover.



PSHE

In PSHE, the children will be learning how to look after their bodies. Some of the key learning elements include the importance of sleep, a balanced lifestyle and a balanced diet. The children will consider what the negative consequences are of an unhealthy lifestyle. The children will then learn about hygiene, including oral hygiene, and how to keep themselves clean.



French

In French this 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 names.

Les animaux



Homework or Suggested books for reading

The Nothing To See Here Hotel by Steven Butler



The True Story of the 3 Little Pigs by Jon Scieszka