



Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2

English:

Last half term, Year 3 really impressed their teachers with the wonderful learning they completed in English. They used all of their historical knowledge and English skills to write in-depth, engaging historical narratives.

This half term, the children will be writing with more of a non-fiction focus. We will be reading the texts 'Big, Blue Whale' and 'This Morning I Met a Whale' to gather information and vocabulary to write persuasive articles. The aim is to persuade people to become more aware of the issues surrounding whales and their fight for survival. The children will explore different persuasive techniques and will write to inform their parents. Handwriting is an on-going focus in Year 3 and we will be continuing to develop our cursive script through all areas of writing.

Learning Challenge Curriculum: Science

In Science they are learning about light. The children will explore how we see things and how shadows are formed and how these change depending on different factors. Pupils will be able to identify different sources of light and the different ways we can protect our eyes from the potential dangers light can create..

Key Vocabulary: light, shadow, opaque, transparent, translucent, impenetrable, reflect, illuminate, block, source, light source, sun, protect, danger

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Reading in Year 3:

We ask children to read at home a minimum of **5 times per week**. In Year 3, the children can read **three times** with an adult and **twice** independently, if they wish. Their reading record must still be signed and dated five times in order to complete the reading challenge.

The children are encouraged to take ownership of their reading record and fill it in themselves, as long as an adult signs it. We have seen lots of children beginning to do this and it is lovely to see them keeping track of their own reading! Any child who reads 5 times will be put into a raffle!

Please ensure your child brings their reading record and reading book in everyday. Thank you for your continued support.

Key Information:

This half term, PE and Commando Joe's will be on a **Monday**. Please ensure your child has their **full PE kit** in school at all times and that it is labelled with their name.

Please also ensure that all items of clothing, including coats, have your child's name on. We have an increasingly large number of coats and jumpers/ cardigans going missing and this would help us save time looking for missing items.

Please can you ensure your child keeps all toys and large bags at home. They can be distracting and we don't have the room in class to accommodate them. Children have their own pencil cases provided by school so these are not required to be brought in from home.

Maths:

This half term, the children will be learning all about fractions. We will revisit and review how to find a half, a quarter and a third of different shapes and quantities. We will then explore how to find different fractions of shapes and quantities, as well as being able to count forwards and backwards in different fractions.

Children will be able to apply their knowledge to solve word problems and develop their reasoning skills using mathematical vocabulary to support.

Home Learning

All home learning will be uploaded on to SeeSaw or given out every Friday.

Your child's most recent Common Exception Words have been sent out as a paper copy. Please continue to pick 5 words per week to practise and this will be assessed every half term.

Please could we ask that all children take a picture of their personalised CEW list and upload it on to their personal SeeSaw account.