



POLES

Year 1 Term 3 Newsletter

Welcome to Term 3

Dear Parents/ Carers,

We hope you all enjoyed a magical Christmas break and wish you a happy new year! We are excited for another term of great learning experiences.

We have two new texts to share with the children – Poles Apart and Dear Greenpeace. We will be creating a fiction and non-fiction outcome using these texts this term. Within both final outcomes, we will show off our skills of applying our phonic knowledge whilst continuing to build upon our understanding of sentence construction and the importance of capital letters and full stops.

We are now learning new Phase 5 sounds as part of our daily phonics teaching so perhaps you can ask your child to share the new GPC each day.



In reading we are excited to introduce our Term 3 'book cannon'. All of our texts this term are linked to the world around us. We will be sharing a new text each week developing fluency, comprehension and a love of reading.



In Maths this term we will be looking at addition and subtraction facts of 11-16. Later in the term we will moving on to 'measure', we will be focusing on height and length.

In Science our topic is 'Materials'. We will be comparing and grouping materials based on their properties.

We will have weekly lessons in PSHE, RE, British Values, History, Art, Computing and Online Safety. In Art we are going to be making seaside collages and cannot wait to see what the children create.

In PE the children will develop their gymnastics skills, looking at wide, narrow, high and low shapes that the children can make with their bodies. They will use these skills to create small group routines. **Please note that our PE day for this term is now Tuesday.**

In music we are continuing our African drumming lessons on a Thursday afternoon taught through the Swindon Music Service.

Homework will be given out on a Friday and will be due in on the following Wednesday. Homework for this term will be phonics practice for our new Phase 5 GPCs.

Reading records will be sent home for you to annotate and sign. Each Friday, your child will be allocated a matched phonics level book - please record reads in the reading record. We ask that children read at least 5 times a week to an adult. The number of reads are counted and then celebrated in assembly. Please note that we can only count a maximum of one read per day.

Reading groups will continue - we have made some adjustments for days and times. This was emailed out and is also displayed on our class notice board.

Many thanks for your continued support! We look forward to sharing another fantastic term with you all!

Please email if there is anything you wish to discuss

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