



Year 3 Newsletter - February 2024

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Dear Parents and Carers,

We hope you all had a restful holiday and are ready for the next half term!

Here are the topic areas we are focusing on over the next 6 weeks:

Maths: We will be finishing off our topic on multiplication and division over the next week or so before moving onto our new topic 'Money'. Within this unit the children will be using different coins and notes to make given amounts, converting between pounds and pence, adding and subtracting with money and giving change. This will build on the work we did on addition and subtraction earlier in the year. After completing this unit, we will move on to some work on **measures**. The children will be learning about measures related to length and perimeter.

History: Our topic this half term is **Persia and Greece**. We will be finding out about the Persian empire.

Geography: Our Geography topic this half term is **Agriculture**. Within this topic the children will be learning about the different types of farming around the world and specifically in the UK. The children will be finding out about how and why farming has, and is, changing over time.

English: We still have some more of the Iron Man to read at the start of this half term, and some different writing activities linked to this. We will then start our next poetry unit based around the book **Werewolf Club Rules** by Joseph Coelho. Children will be looking at some chosen poems from this book and discussing word choices and phrases, the style of the poem, performing them aloud and writing their own lines, verses or entire poems linked to these.

Science: Our new topic this half term is '**Animals including humans**'. We will be learning all about nutrition and how the muscular skeletal system provides support, movement, and protection.

Reading: In whole class guided reading sessions the focus continues to be on developing inference and comprehension skills. This involves answering and asking questions about different texts, making predictions and finding evidence within the text to support their views.

The children are also learning to scan text to find relevant information and try and summarise what they have read. You can help them with this at home by reading parts of a story (them to you or you to them) and talking about the key parts that have happened. When they share views or tell you how characters are feeling ask them, "What clues are there in the text that support this?" as opposed to just, "Why do you think that?" which is more focused on their own ideas.

All children get to read aloud in small groups with the teacher every fortnight and those children who need more support with reading are read with once a week by an adult. However we really want to stress the importance of continuing to read with your children regularly (daily if possible). Even those children who are

reading independently and are reading chapter books should still continue to read with you, and you to them. This is vital in developing their confidence and enjoyment of reading and is one of the most powerful ways in which you can help your child develop and achieve. This doesn't have to be a school reading book; you can choose one from the library, read a comic or non-fiction text.

Dates for your diary

Monday 4th March – Year 3 inter-colour sports competition.

Tuesday 5th March – The English Touring Opera will be performing for Year 3 and 4.

Thursday 7th March – World Book Day. Children can dress up as their favourite book character. More information about the day will be sent out soon.

Friday 8th March – The fantastic author Pari Thomson will visit children in Year 3 and Year 4 to talk about the first book in her best-selling series – *Greenwild: The World Behind The Door*.

Friday 15th March – INSET day (school closed for all children).

Monday 18th March – Coleridge's Reading Bingo Challenge finishes – please bring your bingo card and any money raised into school by this day.

Parent meetings this term will be taking place on **Tuesday 26th March** and **Wednesday 27th March** between 4-6pm online on SchoolCloud. More details on this to follow.

Thank you for your continued support,

The Year 3 team