

Year 3 Newsletter

Spring 2—2023/2024

Notices and Reminders

Homework is set each Friday and due in the following Friday.

Please remember that reading diaries must be in school every day.

PE will continue to be on a Wednesday for Year 3.

Key dates

Start of Term – 19th February

BP Quays Trip – 7th March

EB Quays Trip – 14th March

End of Term (1.30pm) – 27th March
INSET Day – 28th March

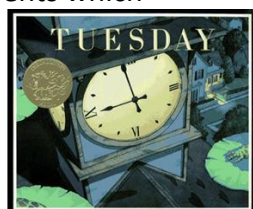
Reading

This half term the children will continue with 'Stig of the Dump'. Stig and Barney's friendship continues to grow as they embark on more adventures together. The children will continue to explore new vocabulary and learn to answer a range of comprehension style questions. They will draw inferences such as inferring characters' feelings, thoughts and motives from their actions, and justifying inferences with evidence.



Writing

This half term the children will be learning to write our next non-fiction text type – recounts. The children will be learning about recounts by writing news reports. The children will be using the book 'Tuesday' by David Wiesner as a stimulus for working as news reporters, reporting on the strange events which happened in the story.



Maths

This term in maths the children will be moving on to fractions. The children will learn how to understand, compare and order fractions, as well as finding simple equivalent fractions.

After that, the next unit will be mass and capacity, in which the children will be learning about the different types of measurements used for mass and how capacity is calculated with them.

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Science

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

Geography

This half term, the children are learning about volcanoes. The children will learn what tectonic plates are and then learn to identify different volcanoes. They will explore how a stratovolcano erupts and learn about Erta Ale, the most active volcano in Ethiopia. They will finish off by comparing Guildford and Addis Ababa, the capital of Ethiopia.



RE

This term the children are learning about what philosophy is and what this might look like in different faiths. Children will explore the meaning between what is right and wrong and what morals are. Key questions include 'Is there anything we cannot know' and 'What makes you, you?'



PE

In PE this term the children will be developing their flexibility and strength in athletics. This includes a focus on the differences between running and sprinting. They will then apply these techniques through relays. Towards the end of term, the children will be going further and experimenting different throwing techniques and jumps. They will learn which techniques are best-suited to different tasks.



Music

In music this term the children will be learning how long and short (rhythm) and high and low (pitch) sounds can be represented by musical symbols. The children will also learn how to play various songs on the recorder and will have opportunities to practise and perform these songs!



PSHE

In PSHE this half term the children will be looking at what makes a community. To do this, they will learn about diversity, equality and equity. Towards the end of the half term, the children will learn what a stereotype is and will learn to challenge them.



French

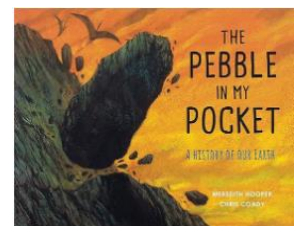
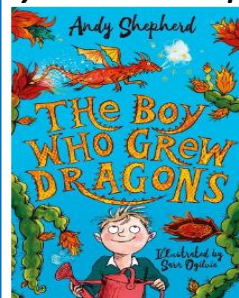
In French this term the children will be building on the vocabulary learnt last term and will be continuing to explore French greetings. This will include the use of basic conversation such as asking and answer questions before moving on to learn the numbers to 10 and a range of key colours.



Suggested books for reading

The Pebble in My Pocket

By Meredith Hooper



The Boy Who Grew Dragons
By Andy Shepherd