



Year 3 Newsletter Term 3



Term 3 is here and the children have shown themselves to be enthusiastic and eager to learn. We are very excited about our new book this term *Jemmy Button* by Jennifer Uman and Valero Vidali.

<p>English Writing, Reading and SPaG</p>	<p><u>Writing</u> This term most of our work in English will be based around our class book <i>Jemmy Button</i> We will be:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Exploring character description and how we can use figurative language to help us to paint a picture in our reader's head.• Writing in role from a character's point of view.• Writing a letter as a character from the book.• Expanding our skills of proof-reading our own work /Editing• Working hard on using tall ascenders and dangly descenders in our handwriting as well as joining-up more consistently. <p><u>SPaG</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Learning to add further prefixes such as 'super-' and 'anti-' and how these change the meaning of the word• Securing when and where to use 'a' or 'an' depending on whether the next word begins with a vowel or a consonant.• Distinguishing between the different types of adverbs, prepositions and conjunctions to add more detail.• Starting to use inverted commas in our writing to show when someone is speaking.• Learning when/how to use an apostrophe for contraction• Using expanded noun phrases to add detail to descriptions <p><u>Reading</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Reading and retelling stories using a story telling voice - working on volume, expression and tone to engage the listener.• Reading a variety of texts and making predictions based on what we have read so far.• Increasing their familiarity with a wide range of books,• Develop knowledge of root words, prefixes and suffixes• Discussing words and phrases that capture the reader's interest• Check that the text makes sense to them, discussing their understanding and explaining the meaning of words in context
<p>Maths</p>	<p>This term we move on to Multiplication and Division including simple remainders and rounding answers. At the end of this term we will focus on telling the time to the nearest minute - please help your child at home with this tricky concept. We will be continuing to</p>

	develop our <i>times tables</i> knowledge, being able to recall them in <i>random order</i> and linking to division (2s, 3s, 4s, 5s 8s, and 10s need to be secure by the end of Year 3).
Science	<u>The skeleton, movement and nutrition</u> We will learn about the skeleton and how it helps us to move, grow and which bones protect which organs. We will investigate how muscles work and how to keep our body healthy by making good food choices.
History 	<u>Ancient Egypt</u> The children will begin by learning about the geography of Egypt such as its climate the importance of the river Nile and its position in the continent of Africa. Later we will be moving on to the history topic of the Ancient Egyptians. We will be learning what an archaeologist does by finding out about Howard Carter's discovery of Tutankhamun's lost tomb. We are looking at everyday life for Ancient Egyptians including homes, school and work. We will learn how and why the pyramids were built and what Gods and Goddesses were worshipped in Ancient Egypt.
Art / DT	In our Art sessions, we will improve our mastery of art and design techniques, including drawing, painting and sculpture with a range of materials (for example, pencil, charcoal, paint, clay). We have begun by teaching DT skills for making moving pop-up cards and learning how to score card to create 3D effects.
P.E.	Indoor PE (FRIDAY): we will developing our gymnastic skills of travelling, balancing, control and rolls using the gymnastic equipment. Our outdoor PE (MONDAY) this term is led by our PE expert Billy who specialises in teaching outdoor games with the awareness of social distancing rules. The children have enjoyed these lessons immensely in term 2 so we are pleased to be able to continue them this term.
PHSE	This term Year 3 will be exploring how we can achieve our 'Dreams and ambitions', thinking about how our decisions and actions can lead to future ambition fulfilment with determination and resilience. We will learn about overcoming challenges and what actions we can take to help ourselves build resilience as active learners and thinkers.
Computing	Responding daily to our online learning platforms Seesaw, exploring the CBBC platform for learning and trying times table's rock stars and engaging with Get Epic or Bug club for reading.
RE	We are learning about the Christian Faith in particular the stories told by Jesus to help people get along together such as the parable of the good Samaritan, the wise man and the foolish man and the Sower. We will be discussing the meaning of these parables, how the stories link to modern life.

Learning at home

Thank you for your continued support with reading and spellings at home. Do not forget to use BUG CLUB at home to help support your child further in both reading and spelling and grammar.



Please ensure your child wears a full PE kit in school on Monday and Friday that includes the correct sized daps, trousers, a t-shirt and long sleeved top for going outside.



Water bottle

Please ensure your child has a water bottle in school, which they will then have access to in class throughout the day

Kind regards,

The Year 3 Team

Miss Greipl, Mrs Jamieson and Mrs Passingham