



Year 3 Spring Term Newsletter – First Half

Upcoming Events



Monday 26th January – Class Photos

Wednesday 4th February – NSPCC to visit

Thursday 5th February – PTA Disco

Tuesday 10th February – Internet Safety Day

English

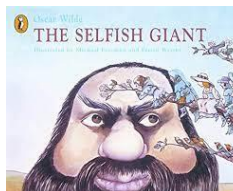
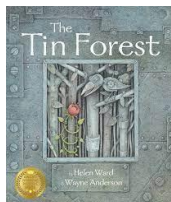


This half-term, Year 3 will be focusing on some wonderful stories and developing our writing and reading skills.

Our overarching theme for this half term is

‘Blooming Marvellous’

and the two books we are looking at in English are:



In our writing lessons, we’ll be focusing on creating vivid and detailed setting descriptions. We will take inspiration from the magical environments in *The Tin Forest* to describe our own imaginative settings. This will help us use adjectives, powerful verbs and figurative language to bring our ideas to life!

Next, we will look at writing persuasive letters, using *The Selfish Giant* as our inspiration. The children will be writing letters to the Giant, encouraging him to change his ways and open up his garden to the children.

In our Guided Reading sessions, we’ll explore nature poetry and short nature stories. This will help us develop our skills in reading for meaning and understanding poetic language.

Home Learning



	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	Essential homework which should be completed as a minimum of three times a week.	Monday	Monday
Spellings	Essential homework where children will learn their spellings each week for a weekly test on Spelling Frame	Monday	Monday
Times Tables (15 mins per week)	Essential homework where children will learn their times tables and complete on Times Tables Rockstars.	Monday	Monday
Project Homework	Optional extension homework which includes two options to be completed and the tasks may include maths, English or another subject. Two tasks should be completed. Children will have three weeks to complete this homework.	Monday	Monday

P.S.H.E.



In PSHE lessons, we will focus on understanding and managing our feelings, as well as developing healthy relationships with others.

P.E.



This half term, Year 3 will be learning the basic skills to take part in Handball. Additionally, they will take part in Dance lessons, focusing on sequencing movement.

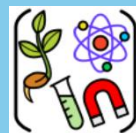
Maths



To kick off this half-term, Year 3 will continue developing our skills in multiplication and division, focusing on reinforcing our times tables.

We will then move on to looking at length and perimeter. You could try measuring different things around your house to practice your skills! How long is your table? How wide is your doorway? It's a great way to apply your learning in real-life situations!

Science



Animals, Skeletons and Movement

THE BIG QUESTION: WHY DO WE HAVE A SKELETON?

We will be exploring the fascinating world of living creatures and learning more about how they are structured and what they need to survive.

Geography



In Geography this half term, we will be focusing on a UK study. In preparation for this, you could take on a challenge with your family at home...

Can you work out which countries make up the UK? How many different cities can you name in the UK?

Try creating a list or even marking them on a map!

Religious Education



In R.E., Year 3 will be exploring stories with different messages, focusing on the lessons they teach and the values they promote.

Art & Design



Our focus artist this half term is Mark Rothko. The children will explore abstract art to create a powder paint final piece.

Computing



Year 3 will be developing their coding skills with Scratch! Scratch is a fun and interactive, allowing children to create their own stories, games and animations using simple code.

Music



In Music, we will be listening to and exploring the piece *Three Little Birds* by Bob Marley.

Design



Technology

This half-term in Cooking, Year 3 will be getting hands-on in the kitchen to create crudités and dips!

French



In French, we will be exploring vocabulary to talk about families. We will learn how to describe family members and practice simple phrases to discuss our own families.