



# Year 3 Summer Term Newsletter – First Half

## Upcoming Events



Friday 17<sup>th</sup> April – Sky Studios Trip  
(Invite Only)

Saturday 18<sup>th</sup> April – School Grounds  
Improvement Morning

Friday 24<sup>th</sup> April – Purple Day, Day of  
the Military Child!

w/b/ 18<sup>th</sup> May – Walk to School Week

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> May – Non School  
Uniform Day and Disco

Year 3 Trip to Wisley Tues 2<sup>nd</sup> June –  
details to follow!

## P.S.H.E.



**We will explore My Happy Mind alongside self-image, leading a healthy lifestyle and making changes in life through our PSHE lessons this half term.**

## English

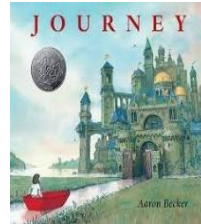
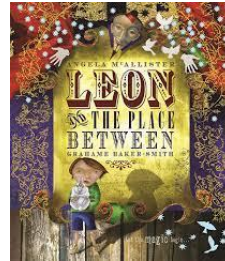


This half-term, Year 3 will be focusing on some wonderful stories and developing our writing and reading skills.

Our overarching theme for this half term is

### ‘Magical Journeys’

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



We'll be discovering the concept of journeys through various texts and developing our writing and reading skills. The children will focus on creating descriptive narratives, writing imaginative poetry, and crafting non-fiction information texts.

In Guided Reading lessons, we will also look at books that follow the theme of journeys. In addition, we will be focusing on oracy skills during our guided reading sessions, encouraging children to express their thoughts clearly, listen actively, and engage in discussions.

## Home Learning



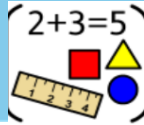
	Details	Days Handed Out	Days Handed Back In
Reading Homework	<b>Essential</b> homework which should be completed as a <b>minimum of three times a week.</b>	Monday	Monday
Spellings (to be practised in their spelling book using suggested activities or using Spelling Frame)	<b>Essential</b> homework where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

## P.E.



**In PE this half term we will focus on understanding the skills and rules to play cricket and rounders.**

## Maths



This term in Maths, we will be revisiting fractions. The children will deepen their understanding by focusing on adding and subtracting fractions, as well as learning how to find fractions of amounts.

We will then move on to exploring money. At home, you can support your child by practicing adding money. Try using real coins to create different amounts and encourage them to add, subtract, and calculate the total.

## Science



In Science, we will be exploring our new unit on **Light**. Our big question for this unit is:

**Why can you see your reflection in a mirror but not the floor?**

Children will investigate how light works, how it travels, and why it allows us to see reflections. It's a fascinating topic, and we're excited to dive into the science behind it!

## Geography



In Geography, we will begin our exciting new unit on Jungles and Deserts. We will start by exploring the climate of these regions, understanding the unique weather patterns that shape them. Later, we will compare and contrast the similarities and differences between continents to help us better understand how jungles and deserts are spread across the world.

## Religious Education



In R.E., we will be discussing the concept of temptation and exploring how it is represented in different stories.

## Art & Design



In Art, we will begin to explore the work of our new focus artist, **Kevin Snipes**. We will study his unique style and techniques, drawing inspiration from his art to create our

## Computing



In Computing, we will explore how to create engaging and informative PowerPoint presentations. You may want to have a look at some of the features on PowerPoint to get a head start.

## Music



In Music, we will be exploring the *Rodeo - Hoedown* by Aaron Copland. The children will learn about this exciting piece of music, its rhythms and its lively themes.

## Design



## Technology

We will be cooking twice this half term, using our cutting skills to prepare crudities and hoping to follow a recipe to make some delicious scones.

## French

We will be learning how to say the days of the week and months of the year to be able to share special dates like our birthday in French.