



Year 3 Newsletter

Our newsletter is sent out fortnightly to keep you up to date.

Friday 12th September

Welcome to our first Year 3 newsletter. We're delighted to share how well the children have settled back into school life this new academic year. All of the Year 3 team are incredibly pleased with how quickly pupils have adapted to new routines, embraced their learning, and shown such positive attitudes in class. It's been a fantastic start, and we're excited to see all that they will achieve in the months ahead. We're also very much looking forward to working in partnership with you as parents and carers to support your child's learning and development throughout the year. Mrs McIntosh, Mrs Statham and Mrs Burton.

Swimming:

Our lessons this term won't start until week beginning 6th October while essential works are carried out at the pool. We will remind you closer to the time and in the meantime, we will have a PE lesson in school on a Thursday afternoon. Our Friday PE focus this half term is handball and we are very lucky to have Nick from Andrew Cartright coaching, to support us with our lessons.



Please help us and ensure that the children have the following in their PE kits each week in addition to their trainers, shorts and t-shirts:

- Children wearing tights will need to have a spare pair of socks to change into.
- A pair of dark coloured leggings/jogging trousers for outdoor PE lessons.

Maths

In Maths, we've been recapping place value in two-digit numbers and are now excited to be moving on to three digits. The children have enjoyed a variety of fun, hands-on games and have even been outdoors, using natural items from our garden such as sticks, stones and leaves etc. to create and represent numbers. It's been a great way to reinforce their understanding of hundreds, tens, and ones in a memorable and active way.

To support learning at home, here's a fantastic interactive game for the children to enjoy: [Place Value Basketball - Dienes Game for 5 to 8 Year Olds](#)



or scan the code to play!



Tempest photography

The team from tempest photography will be in school on Tuesday 16th September to take the children's photographs. We will make sure that the children have their best smiles on the day!

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PHOTOGRAPHY

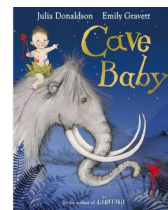
English

In English, we have been reading the story *Cave Baby*, which the children have thoroughly enjoyed. They were especially engaged by the rhythm and rhyme of the text and loved listening to the imaginative adventure of the little cave artist. As part of our learning, we have also been revising key word classes such as nouns, adjectives, and verbs. To support this, the children have been on a fun 'noun hunt' around the school grounds and played lively games of verb charades to help deepen their understanding. They have worked brilliantly to identify word types in the story and are growing in confidence when using them in their own writing.

Click on the link to revisit the story:

<https://youtu.be/2eeZDgtKi3g>

Revise nouns using the BBC Bitesize quiz.

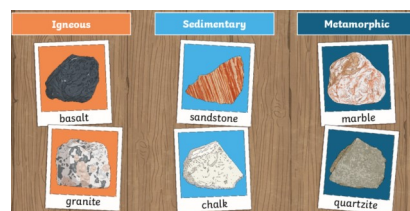


[What is a noun? Definitions and examples - BBC](#)

Science

This week, we started our science unit Rocks. We have explored different kinds of rocks and how we can group them based on their physical appearance. The types of rocks we are learning about are: **igneous**, **sedimentary** and **metamorphic**. In our first lesson we played a spot the rocks game and tried to use our new vocabulary in our writing!

Can you go on a rock hunt down at the beach? We'd love to see any rocks the children find and if they can identify the type of rocks they see!



Proud to make a positive impact!

Snacks

In Year 3 children can bring in a snack for break time. Please could we ask that their snack is healthy and does not contain nuts. No chocolate or crisps please, a piece of fruit would be ideal.



Wellies

If you have any wellies your child could bring in to support our outdoor learning, that would be fantastic. We have already been outside enjoying the September sunshine.

Our wonderful welly storage units have now been named after lots of super ideas from the children! In the end they choose Lilo and Stitch. Watch this space for their names going up!

If you have any old wellies we could donate to other year groups, please send them in with your child - thank you.



Toys and keyrings in school

Please can we ask that toys such as Labubus are not sent into school and that only a small keyring is attached to book bags so they can be easily taken in and out of drawers. Thank you for your support.



Key Dates:

Tuesday 16th September - Tempest school photographs (individual)

Friday 19th September - Mito Awareness Day for World Mitochondrial week which is our chosen charity this year (more information to follow)

Week beginning 22nd September - all clubs start and run for 5 weeks

Tuesday 7th October - Harvest assembly @ 2:30

Monday 13th and Tuesday 14th October - Parents' evenings

Thursday 23rd October - KS2 disco 5:45-6:45

Friday 24th October - Y3 visit to the Rising Sun

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