



Year 3 Newsletter

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

Friday 16th January

Welcome to the Year 3 newsletter and Happy New Year to you all. We hope you had a happy and healthy Christmas - we are looking forward to the term ahead. It will be jam packed full of new learning and fun!

Faith and Diversity Day

Last week, we celebrated Faith and Diversity Day across school. The 2026 focus was 'faith in our future, hope in our future.' Together we found out about lots of different faiths and the children created mind maps adding facts and information about each one. We also talked about all being unique and special and how life would be very boring if we were all the same! In the afternoon, the children produced stunning pieces of art for a competition where they had to express creatively what faith and diversity is. Thousands of schools enter the competition so watch this space to see if have any winners! We were very proud of the children as they asked questions about different faiths and cultures and showed real interest in this topic. Click on the website below to read about the different faiths we explored:

[KS2 Religious Education - BBC Bitesize](#)



PE

As well as continuing with swimming lessons this half term, we will also be working with Gail who will focus on gymnastics. So far we have worked on how to move across the mats using rolls, cartwheels and minion walks! In coming weeks, we will begin to use the apparatus. Exciting times ahead!



English

The focus of our English unit this half term is recounts. We are reading the story of Floella Benjamin finding out about her journey to England in the 1960s. The children have been very engaged with this text so far and we have had some fantastic discussions about resilience and overcoming challenges. In coming weeks, we will be writing our own recounts imagining we are Floella.



Maths

In our maths lessons we have been looking at reading and telling the time on analogue and digital clocks. Time can be tricky and takes lots of practise! Your support at home would be much appreciated asking your child to tell the time out and about and in the house. Scan the QR code to play a time game to consolidate our learning (scroll down on the page to find it).



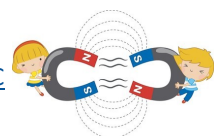
Science

In our science lessons we will be learning all about forces and magnets this half term.

This is always a topic that the children enjoy and we have lots of opportunities to carry out experiments and investigations, some outside!

We will look at magnets and how they can repel and attract metal. Read more and share the quiz using the following link:

[Magnets – KS2 Science curriculum - BBC Bitesize](#)



Proud to make a positive impact.

Upcoming dates for the diary:

Monday 2nd February - closing date for parent governor applications.

Wednesday 4th February 9:10-9:40 - Y3 Parent book looks.

Monday 9th and Tuesday 10th February - Parent consultations.

Friday 13th February - last day of Spring term 1.

Monday 23rd February - Pupils return to school.

Friday 27th March - Y3 visit to Sunderland Winter Gardens.

Tuesday 31st March - Y3 Easter assembly 2:30.

Thursday 2nd April - Easter Holidays.



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