



Year 3 Newsletter

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

Friday 13th February

Welcome to the Year 3 newsletter! As the nights get lighter, you can feel that spring is just around the corner. The hard work has continued in Year 3 and the children continue to wow us and make us very proud. See what we've been up to below!

English

In our English, our new unit of work is non-fiction, non-chronological reports. We have identified the key features of a non-chronological report and after half term we will learn all out about the Portia Spider in preparation for writing our very own reports. We also continue to focus on a different spelling pattern each week. Please could we ask that you encourage your child to access EdShed giving them opportunity to practise at home.

Thank you



Oracy

As a school, we are continuing to support the children in improving their oracy skills. Oracy is having the ability to speak confidently, listen well and to be able to have a discussion with other people. It is a key skill for children to develop as they grow up. Ask your child all about 'nesting' in oracy and see what they have to tell you!



Book Look

We hope you enjoyed having the opportunity to come into school last week and look at the children's books in subjects across the curriculum. The children work incredibly hard every day and we are very proud of them! You can really see their progress since September. It was also lovely to see them enthusiastically share their work with you all.



Maths

Our focus in maths for the past 2 weeks has been multiplication. Learning the **8x tables** and using a written formal method. This can be tricky, and the real key is knowing their times tables. It really is so important to help the children in many areas of the maths curriculum and real life! Feel free to practise at home. Below is how to set each calculation out - hopefully the children can explain each step which will support their understanding.

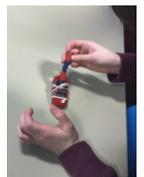
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Y3-4 Reminder of morning drop-off procedures:

Please remember that **all** children in Year 3 and Year 4 must be brought to the school gates by an adult. Once they have been handed over at the gate, they become our responsibility and are welcome to make their own way to their classroom, or walk in with an adult. Thank you.

Science

In our science lessons, we have been looking at magnets and magnetic materials. We have sorted materials into magnetic and non-magnetic and then investigated the strengths of different sized magnets. This was lots of fun with some super predictions and use of scientific vocabulary! Click on the link below to find out more and let your child try the quiz!



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

Proud to make a positive impact.

Upcoming dates

Friday 13th February—Break up for half term.

Monday 23rd February - Children return to school.

Friday 27th March - Y3 Trip to Sunderland Winter Gardens (Please fill in the google form: <https://forms.office.com/e/pY7fOPkCe5>)

Thursday 19th March - School discos (more information to follow after half term).

Tuesday 31st March - Year 3 Spring Assembly @ 2:30.

Thursday 2nd April - Break up for the Easter Holidays.



Outdoor Learning

This year, we are continuing to focus on outdoor learning with the aim of enriching our curriculum and enhancing learning. In Year 3, from Geography to Maths, we have been outside exploring the outdoor areas in school. Lessons have included collecting data about traffic, times tables in nature and testing different surfaces for our Forces topic in Science. The children are thoroughly enjoying our sessions as we continue to work to embed this into our curriculum (in rain or shine - sadly lots of rain in recent weeks!)

