



Year 3 Newsletter

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

Friday 11th 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.

Swimming and PE

Swimming starts on Thursday 17th September. This is one of our PE sessions and children can wear PE kit on our swimming day. If swimming lessons were cancelled, it means we could have a PE lesson in school and will make getting changed much easier without buttons on polo shirts and tights!

Our Friday PE focus this half term is handball and we are very lucky to have Nick from Andrew Cartright coaching with us each week. There is a handball festival near the end of the term, where some children will walk along to Marine Park First to play some games with other local schools - very exciting!



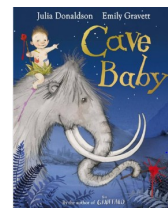
English

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](#)

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!



Tuesday 15th September - Beach Clean 3:45-4:30

Thursday 17th September - swimming starts

Thursday 17th September - Tempest photos (school uniform for this day only please)

Wb 21st September - Clubs start

Monday 19th and Tuesday 20th October - Parents' Evenings

Friday 23rd October - Teacher Training Day



Tempest photography

The team from Tempest photography will be in school on Thursday 17th September to take the children's photographs. As this is a PE day (swimming), for this occasion, please send your child in wearing their school uniform. Thank you.

Proud to make a positive impact!

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**. A piece of fruit would be ideal.



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

Our wonderful welly storage units all have names and in Year 3 they are: Lilo and Stitch. If you have any old wellies we could donate to other year groups, please drop them off at the office - thank you.



A short homework task will be set each Thursday alternating between maths and English and is due the following Monday.

To summarise Year 3 reading:

- Each child will read on their allocated day in class with their teacher. There will be a focus text (story, poem or non-fiction text) and a short homework task will be set.
- We have a Year 3 library where children can select their own free reading books to read in school and at home. The list of challenges at the back of their pink reading response books, are to do in school.

We hope this helps - any questions please come and see us.



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Year 3 Curriculum maps and overviews

Please follow the link below to see all of our topics for the Autumn term and the year ahead.

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