YEAR 3 NEWSLETTER

Find out about our learning this fortnight.

Thursday 22nd October 2026

Welcome to the final newsletter of the half term! The children have all settled so well into Year 3 life - we are so proud of each and every one of them! So many exciting things ahead - thank you for your continued support - have a lovely half term.

English

In literacy, we have been exploring the features of instruction writing and how to create clear, effective sets of instructions. The children identified and used key features including a title, numbered steps, imperative verbs, time connective, warnings and top tips. They worked hard to organise their ideas logically and write instructions that would be easy for others to follow.

Maths

This week, we have been learning about perimeter. The children have enjoyed taking their learning outside, measuring shapes and finding the total distance around them using practical, hands-on activities. We loved this quiz from the BBC - have a go together!

Foundation Subjects and Other News

Science

Our science topic 'Rocks and Soils' came to an exciting conclusion this week with two workshops from the geology team at St. Mary's Lighthouse. Anna and Aaron came into our classrooms on Monday afternoon and taught us about how and when the rocks were formed at Whitley Bay beach. We learned how to spot certain kinds of rock and how to identify a fossil on a rock. We were then able to put our learning into practice the following day when we went fossil hunting at the beach. We had a wonderful time being geologists and palaeontologists!
Check out this guide if you'd like to try a fossil hunt over the half term holiday.

RE

In RE, we have been learning about Hinduism and the important story of Rama and Sita. The children discussed that the story teaches that good overcomes evil and explored key Hindu beliefs including the Vedas as sacred texts and avarars as different forms taken by a god. They showed thoughtful understanding during discussions and made excellent links between stories and Hindu values.

Upcoming Dates/PE Days Autumn 2

Monday 2nd November - Teacher Training Day
Friday 6th November - WBHS PE enrichment afternoon (PE kit on this day please)
Friday 13th November - Rising Sun Stone Age trip
Thursday 19th November - Y3 visit to North Shields Library (more info to follow after half term)
Friday 27th November - Christmas jumper day
Friday 11th Dec- Carols, St Mary's Church @ 1:15

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PE Autumn 2

After half term, our PE days are Tuesdays and Thursdays. As the weather gets colder, please ensure your child has appropriate clothing for PE, particularly for outdoor lessons. This may include warm joggers and an extra upper layer such as a sweatshirt.

Swimming kits required from Thursday 5th November - Thursday 3rd December (final swimming session on the Thursday 3rd December).

WBHS Sports Afternoon - we are very excited to be part of a sports festival hosted by staff and sixth form students at Whitley Bay High School on Friday 6th November. We will walk over after lunch, and be back by the end of the school day. PE kits to be worn on this day please.

Handball festival

Last Friday, a group of children attended a handball festival organised by Andrew Cartright at Marine Park First School. The children had a fantastic time and represented Southridge exceptionally well throughout the event. We are delighted to share that our Yellow Team were the overall winners! Congratulations to everyone involved - you did us proud!





Science Fossil Hunt at the Beach



