

# Year 3 Newsletter



## Summer 2—2023/2024

## **Notices and Reminders**

As the weather improves, please remember to bring a water bottle to school every day! Sunhats and sun cream are also recommended (please apply the sun cream before coming to school).

Enjoy the last few weeks of year 3. Let's hope that the sun makes an appearance.



## Reading

The children will be finishing Beowulf before starting our final book of the year – The Sheep

Pig by Dick King-Smith. Babe, the orphaned pig, is won by a farmer and adopted by a sheep-dog. Babe is determined to learn everything that he can from the sheep-dog even though he Dick King Smith knows that he can't be a sheep-dog.



## Writing

This half term, the children will be learning how to write a persuasive text. They will be looking at how persuasive language is created through the use of devices such as imperative verbs and emotive language, while also considering how to write for an audience. In the second part of the half term, the children will also be learning about cumulative tales and how repetition can

be used to create a story.



## **Key dates**

Thursday 27<sup>th</sup> June Farnborough Air Science Trust Trip

> Saturday 29<sup>th</sup> June 2024 HLSA LodgeFest 24

Monday 1<sup>st</sup> July 2024 Sports Day

Monday 8<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Reserve Sports Day

Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> July 2024 End of Term 1.30pm



## Maths

This half term, the children will start off by continuing with time, they will build on their previous knowledge by solving problems related to time. Then, they will move on to shape. In this unit, they will be exploring and drawing angles, learning about 2D and 3D shapes, and different types of lines. Finally, the children will be learning about statistics.

They will learn to understand Pictograms and bar charts and interpret data from different types of tables.



#### <u>Music</u>

Music, with all its styles, has changed and shaped lives around the world. When you listen to music and it changes from loud to quiet or quiet to loud, it can be very exciting! We call these changes dynamics. Loud sounds are called forte, and quiet sounds are called piano. The children shall be exploring changes in dynamics within the music in this unit by listening, clapping, singing and playing instruments.

#### <u>Art</u>

This half term, the children will be learning about the English sculpture artist Henry Moore. They will experiment moulding and joining pieces of clay before planning, creating and

painting a clay sculpture using Moore's owl as a model. They will then evaluate their artwork in comparison to Moore's owl.



#### **Computing**

In computing this half term, the children will be learning about programming. They will be learning about algorithms, how they are used on different devices and then debugging when something has gone wrong. To practice their

programming and logical reasoning, they will be using Bee-Bots and the Bee-Bot app.



#### **French**

In French this half term, the children will consolidate their learning of the ten animals that they have already learnt. They will focus on the indefinite article/determiner and then they will begin to use these animals in a short sentence.



#### <u>History</u>

This half term, the children will be learning about local history. This will focus on how hot air balloons were used by the British Army, including the establishment of the Balloon School which was eventually moved to Aldershot. The children will then learn about

the impacts that Samuel Franklin Cody and Tilly Shilling had on British aircraft development.





In PE this half term, the children are going to be improving their flexibility, strength and balance in gymnastics! They will recap forward rolls before moving on to learning backward rolls and teddy bear rolls. They will then learn

how to sequence these into a short routine with smooth transitions. They will also learn about Beth Tweddle, a successful British gymnast.



#### <u>PSHE</u>

This half term, the children will be exploring the question 'What keeps us safe?' Within this, year 3 will learn about hazards and dangers and how accidents can be avoided. They will

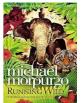
then go on to think about medication and how to ensure it is safe. Following this, the children will learn how to treat a minor scratch and then a burn and a scald.



## **Suggested books for reading**

Running Wild by Michael Morpurgo





Secrets of the Sun King by Emma Carroll