

Year 3 Newsletter October 2021

Welcome to the first Year 3 newsletter of the year. It is so lovely have had a full half-term back in school and to actually have the opportunity to write to you and celebrate what Year 3 have achieved so far.

Throughout the course of the year, you will be receiving half termly newsletters from the Year 3 team keeping you updated on all the exciting things we are currently learning about, as well as informing you about any important up and coming events or dates.

It has been a great start to the term for all our Year 3 children in their Junior School journey! We have been so incredibly impressed with how well the children have settled into life in Year 3 and how eager they are to engage with their learning.

We are looking forward to a really successful year, full of exciting opportunities and, with your support at home, enabling your child to achieve their potential.

Mr Dunsford

Homework & Seesaw

All the children are now completing their homework on Seesaw, My Maths and Times Table Rockstars. Please remember that our expectations are

- English writing – 15 minutes per week
- My Maths – 15 minutes per week
- Times Table Rockstars 10 minutes practice per week
- Spelling practice – Weekly spelling list on Seesaw.

We don't want homework to be onerous on the children or your family. Please let us know if there are any issues. If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.



Autumn assessments

In November, our whole school will be taking part in assessments for reading, SPAG (spelling, punctuation and grammar) and maths using NTS formal assessments. Teachers will also be assessing writing using the independent writing activities the children have already completed over the previous half term. As a school we use this information, along with in class teacher judgements, to map out our future planning, intervention groups and highlight any gaps in knowledge which may need to be taught again.

Teachers and senior leadership (which includes Ms Ash, our Inclusion AHT) meet to discuss all children within our termly 'Pupil Progress Meetings'.

We will let you know how your child has performed through our parents' evening session, and also through our 'Snapshot reports' which will be sent directly to you as parents on Friday 19th November.

Book bands will also change if appropriate, based on these assessments.

Communication.

If you would like to contact your child's class teacher, please e-mail:

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Parents evening Autumn 2021

In the week beginning, 22nd November each class teacher will be hosting a parent consultation online using an online conferencing platform. This will be an opportunity for you to discuss your child's academic progress so far. Further information regarding this will be sent out nearer the time.

Christmas Nativity

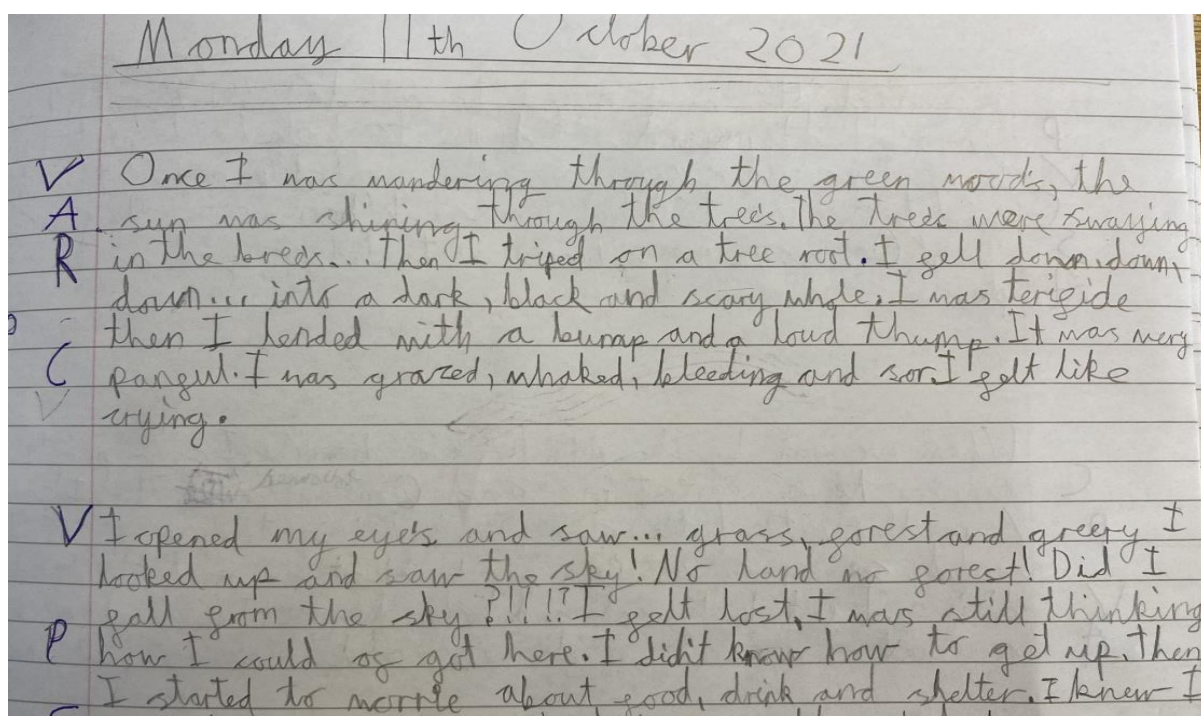
The Year 3 team are excited about putting on our Year 3 Nativity in the church. We are looking forward to welcoming you all to the church on Thursday 16th of November at 6pm.

Details about parts and costumes will come home at the end of November.

WOW Work!

Every year group newsletter this year, will include a piece of writing published from a child in our year group. It is a great way to showcase what we have been doing in school but also allow the children to see that their writing can have an audience.

Our first piece of writing is written by: Charlotte in Ash class. The year 3 team think Charlotte has demonstrated very good use of paragraphs, great verbs and exciting adjectives. Thank you for sharing your work Charlotte!



Year 3 Topics

Year 3 have had great fun this term learning about their new school. We drew maps of the school, wrote introductions using the 5 W's (ask your children) and learnt to use the library. Hopefully all your children are reading their banded book and changing it regularly. Please let your teacher know if you need any help with this.

We then started a unit on the Stone Age. We wrote an exciting adventure story inspired by the picture book Stone Age Boy. We were very impressed with the standard of writing across the year group. Please see an example above. We learnt about Stone Age life, including weapons, shelters and a chronological timeline. This culminated in our Chertsey Museum workshop where children were able to handle real artefacts from the period. In Science we have been learning all about rocks. How the three types of rock are formed and how they are part of an endless cycle that takes millions of years. The children especially enjoyed creating their own cave paintings using pastels.

In the next half-term we will be starting our 'We our Tourists' topic. This will look at comparing our own location of Surrey to the county of Cornwall. We will be taking a virtual tour of Mousehole in Cornwall and reading a story set in the village called The Mousehole Cat. The children will be writing a mystery story inspired by a picture book called 'The Secret of Black Rock'. We will be painting landscapes inspired by a local Cornish artist.

In Maths we will be continuing to learn how to add and subtract using column methods. We will then be moving onto methods of multiplication and division.

Please remember that Friday skills sessions are changing after half term. Oak will now be cooking or going to Forest school. Ash start swimming and Elm will be taking PE with Mr Coles.

If you wish to know more detail about what your child is learning, please refer to the Topic Web and Knowledge Organisers in the Year 3 area of the school website.

We look forward to seeing you soon at parent consultations and in the church at Christmas.

The Year 3 Team

Diary Dates

October	Half term: Friday 22 nd October- Friday 29 th October PTA Fireworks Friday 22 nd October
November	Back to school: Monday 1 st November Flu vaccinations Thursday 11 th November PTA discos Friday 12 th November Snapshot reports Friday 19 th November Parents' Evening - W/C 22 nd November
December	PTA Christmas Fair Saturday 4 th December Christmas Pause Day Tuesday 14 th December Christmas Nativity performance Thursday 16 th December End of term: Friday 17 th December (Early finish)
January	Back to school: Tuesday 4 th January

