

Year 3 Newsletter December 2022

It has been a very busy first term in Year 3. It has been great to see the children really bed into life at Horsell Junior School in the last two months. The children have continued to work hard and make good progress. We have written persuasive brochures about the Stone Age settlement of Skara Brae and also written an exciting adventure story inspired by the children's picture book, 'The Secret of Black Rock'.

In Maths children have developed their understanding of multiplication and division. They have begun to use written methods to multiply and divide two-digit numbers. Their tables knowledge is vital for this and we are now testing them weekly to help them climb their Times Table Mountain Challenge. Please continue to help you children practise their tables at home, it really does make a big difference.

We are now looking forward to the Spring Term, where we will be learning about healthy bodies in science and thinking about recycling in the local area in geography.

We can't wait to see you all at the church for the Nativity performance. We are sure it's going to be a great evening. Thank you for all your help this term at home and at school, with support you have given your children. We wish you all a peaceful Christmas.

Homework Expectations

The children are continuing to complete their homework each week using spag.com, CGP maths books and Times Table Rockstars. Please remember that our expectations are

- Reading: 5 times for ten minutes.
- Maths CGP Books: 15 minutes per week.
- Times Table Rockstars: 10 minutes practice per week
- Spag.com: One short activity a week.
- Spelling practice: weekly spelling list in the HSO.

If you have any queries about homework, please email your class teacher.

Road Safety Session

On Thursday 20th September, Year 3 had a Road Safety Session. We spent the morning learning about how to stay safe near roads.

This included a practical session with each class, where they had the opportunity to cross Meadway Drive and the High Street at several points. This enabled them to practise crossing at the drop kerb outside the school, at the Pelican crossing near the Beijing and the Zebra Crossing near The Crown. Please continue to discuss the Stop, Look, Listen and Think techniques with your children.

Fantastic Fred

On Monday 21st November, the children enjoyed watching a NHS sponsored drama that encouraged them to make healthy lifestyle choices. The short show taught children the importance of eating the right food (F), getting enough rest (R), being active (E for exercise) and managing time on devices (D). Please find more information at

<https://www.thefantasticfredexperience.com/>

Communication

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

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Spring – first half units

Please remember that the Tuesday skills sessions will be swapping in the Spring Term:

Ash – DT – Pneumatic toys and sewing

Elm – Forest school & cookery

Oak – swimming sessions

School Trip – Wisley Gardens

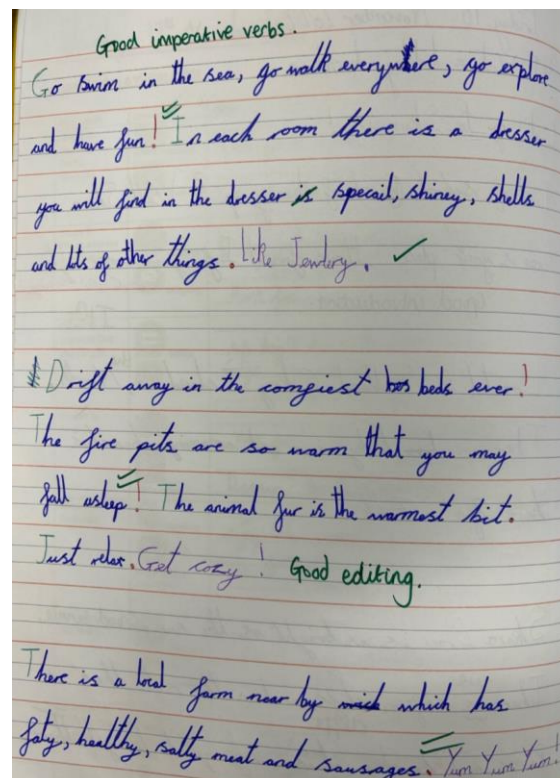
We are due to visit Wisley Gardens on Wednesday 15th March in the second part of the half term. If you would like to help us on this day, please contact your class teacher.



WOW Work!

Every half term, we will choose a piece of writing to celebrate in the year group. This time we want to share a section of a story by Sylvia in Elm. Sylvia has organised her writing into paragraphs. She has used persuasive devices such as imperative verbs and exaggeration using expanded noun phrases.

Great work Sylvia!



Diary Dates

January	INSET – Tuesday 3 rd January Term Starts: Wednesday 4 th January Storytelling Week: Starting Monday 30 th January
February	Mental Health Week – Starting Monday 6 th February Half Term - 13 th -17 th February INSET - Monday 20 th February
March	Book Day – Thursday 2 nd March Wisley Gardens Trip – Wednesday 15 th March End of Term – Friday 31 st March