

Year 3 Newsletter February 2024

It has been a very busy first half of the spring term. The children have enjoyed writing two stories already. The first was an alternative fairy tale called 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs' and the other was inspired by the Pixar short film, 'The Blue Umbrella'. Both stories have enabled the children to write descriptive and humorous narratives. We have seen real progress with their use of language, working hard to up-level their vocabulary choices to make it more exciting for the reader.

In maths, we have been learning about different units of measure. We have learnt to measure the length of objects in millimetres, centimetres and metres. We have also just started our fractions unit which we will continue after half term. If you get the chance to practise any times tables at home over the half term, it could really help to support their understanding in lessons.

Finally, some very exciting news: Mrs Nash's beautiful baby girl has safely arrived. I am sure that you will all join us in wishing her the very best.

We hope that you have a restful half term and we look forward to having the children back on the 20th February.

Miss Withers and the year 3 team.

Homework

All the children are now completing their weekly homework. Please remember that our expectations are:

- CGP Maths book- 1 workout per week
- Times Table Rockstars - 10 minutes practice per week
- Spelling practice – Weekly spelling list in their HSO
- SPAG.com- 1 set task per week
- Reading- 5/7 days to be recorded in their HSO

Each task should last at least 10 minutes.

We also ask that you sign your child's HSO each week.

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

Spring assessments

Next half term, we 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 which 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 Mr Stevenson, our Assistant Head Teacher with responsibility for inclusion and SEND) 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 28th March 2024.

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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Year 3 RE Islam talk with Mrs Rasheed

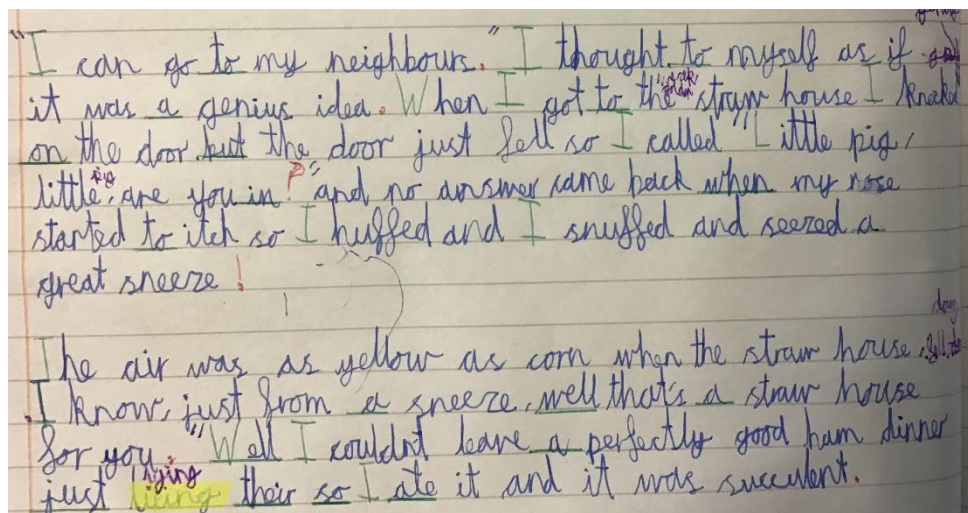
Our big question in RE this term has been 'How does worship (ibadah) show what is important to Muslims?'. Mrs Rasheed, one of our TAs, very kindly agreed to speak to Year 3 about Islam and answer lots of questions from the children. She showed us prayer mats, the Qur'an, traditional clothing and spoke about her own experiences, showing us lovely pictures. We learnt so much and it was a fantastic experience. Thank you Mrs Rasheed!



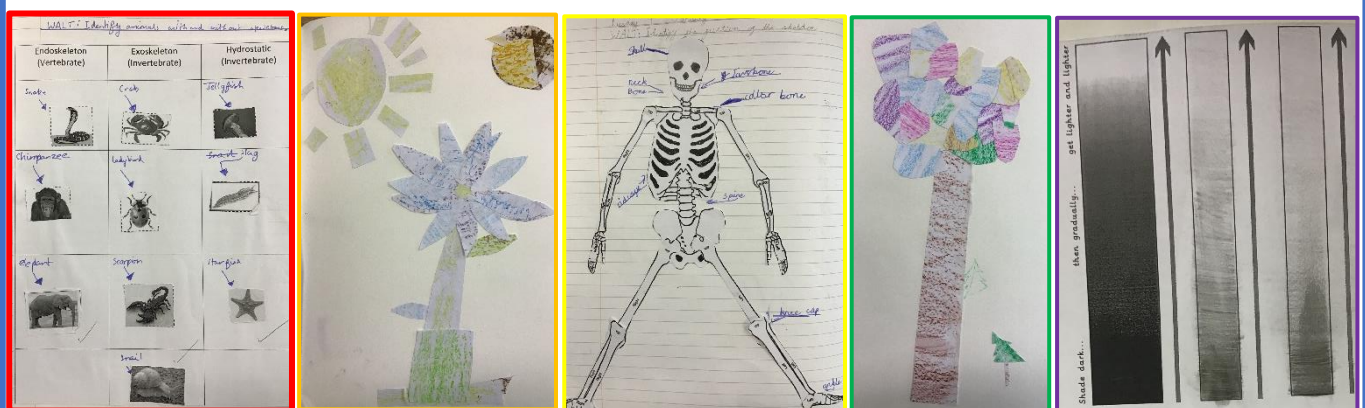
WOW Work!

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.

This half term's work is by Isaac in Ash class. For his alternative fairy tale independent write, inspired by 'The True Story of the Three Little Pigs', he has used exciting verbs, accurate speech punctuation and lots of descriptive vocabulary choices. Well done!



Ash- PE with Mr Coles



Spring 2 topics

Next term, Year 3 will be looking forward to learning the following topics:

- Maths: Fractions, Mass and Capacity
- Geography: Who lives in Antarctica?
- French: Playground games
- PSHE: Healthy me
- RE: What is the Bible's 'big story' and why is it like a treasure for Christians?
- Science: Plants- How does your garden grow?

Don't forget, in the Year 3 section of our school website, you can view our knowledge organisers that we use in our afternoon lessons, that outline the key learning that will take place.

School Trip – Wisley Gardens

On Wednesday 13th March, Year 3 will be going on their first trip of the year to Wisley Gardens. Thanks to all the parents who have already volunteered to help. It is a great trip where the children will get a workshop about different types of seeds from around the world, an opportunity to plant a seed and tour the gardens to see the variety of plants.



Diary Dates

February	Finish for half term: Friday 9 th February 2024 Inset day: Monday 19 th February 2024 Back to school: Tuesday 20 th February 2024 22nd February: Girl Guiding World Thinking Day Members of the Girl Guiding Association may wear their uniforms to school
March	6th March: Opal play afternoon and open classrooms 7th March: World Book Day w/c 11th March: British Science Week 13th March: Year 3 Wisley Gardens trip 14th March: PTA Bingo Night 27th March: Year 4 Easter service to school 28th March: Last day of term (early finish) and Snapshot reports out and PTA Doughnut sale
April	15th April: Children return to school 16th April: Parents' Evening 17th April: Parents' Evening