

YEAR 3 AND YEAR 4 NEWSLETTER



December 2025

HALF TERMLY UPDATE

We've had an incredibly exciting half term across Year 3 and Year 4, with Year 3 diving into their topic on Skara Brae. The children thoroughly enjoyed creating persuasive holiday brochures to entice visitors to this fascinating prehistoric site. In DT, Year 3 showcased impressive creativity by designing and sewing their own cushions using cross stitch and running stitch, with some truly wonderful examples of appliqué. They also shone brightly in their incredible **Fleece Force Nativity**—singing beautifully, delivering their lines with clarity and confidence and looking gorgeous in their costumes. I feel incredibly lucky to have such a dedicated team who brought out the very best in the children during this busy festive season. A very big thank you also to all the parent helpers who came to help with backdrop, props and costumes. The performance is featured in today's Woking News and Mail!

Year 4 began the half term with an immersive Roman Day, which proved to be a brilliant hook into their Roman history unit. The children loved getting into character, exploring artefacts, and bringing the past to life. Their DT work this half term has also been outstanding—they adapted biscuit recipes, designed eye-catching packaging, and even created their own budget plans. It has been a joy to visit lessons and hear the children talk so enthusiastically about their learning. A huge thank you to our wonderful parent helpers for generously giving their time to help bake the biscuits.

I wish all our families a restful Christmas break filled with love, rest and laughter.

Merry Christmas, Happy Chanukah and Happy New Year!
Mrs Parker, Head of Year 3 and Year 4 (LKS2 Phase Leader)



YEAR 3 HIGHLIGHTS

Computing: we have been learning how to make stop-frame animations. We have been using the iMotion app on iPads to turn a series of still pictures into moving pictures. This has involved a process called 'onion skinning' which enables an animator to see their last frame whilst setting up a new one. We edited our videos using iMovie to add text and sound.

French: we have been learning how to greet each other and introduce ourselves. We have been using the phrases 'bonjour', 'salut' and 'Je m'appelle...'. We have also started to learn the colours of the rainbow to help us use these words as adjectives.

Maths: In Maths this term we have been working on addition and subtraction, using the column method to add and subtract 2 digit and 3 digit numbers.

DT: The Cushions project was great fun! We used cross stitch and running stitch to make the cushions and added an applique for decoration. We had so much fun designing, making and evaluating them!

YEAR 4 HIGHLIGHTS

History: This half term in history we have been looking at 'Why the Romans invaded Britain?'. We have had great fun exploring this topic: dressing up and taking part in a Roman workshop, learning to march, and observing artefacts from Chertsey museum.

Science: We have been exploring states of matter this half term, which has allowed for lots of hands-on experiments and practical learning. Children have acted as particles in different states, looked at condensation and evaporation as well as completing an experiment on melting which involved chocolate!

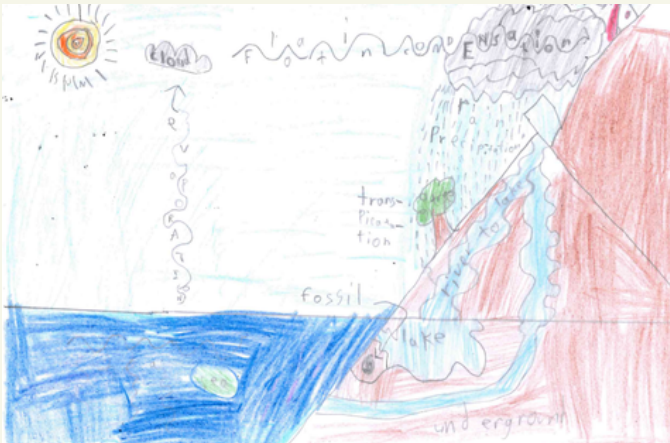
Computing: In computing we have been using an online programme called Pixlr to edit photos. Children have enjoyed rotating, cropping, recolouring and combining images.

Music: In Music, we have been adapting and transposing motifs. A motif is a repeating pattern. We enjoyed learning a song about the Romans.

DT: Baking Biscuits has been an amazing highlight this half term. We adapted a recipe, created packaging and worked out the budget. We loved it!



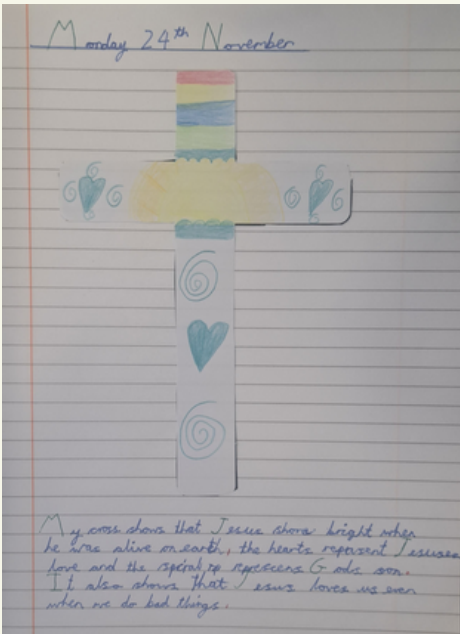
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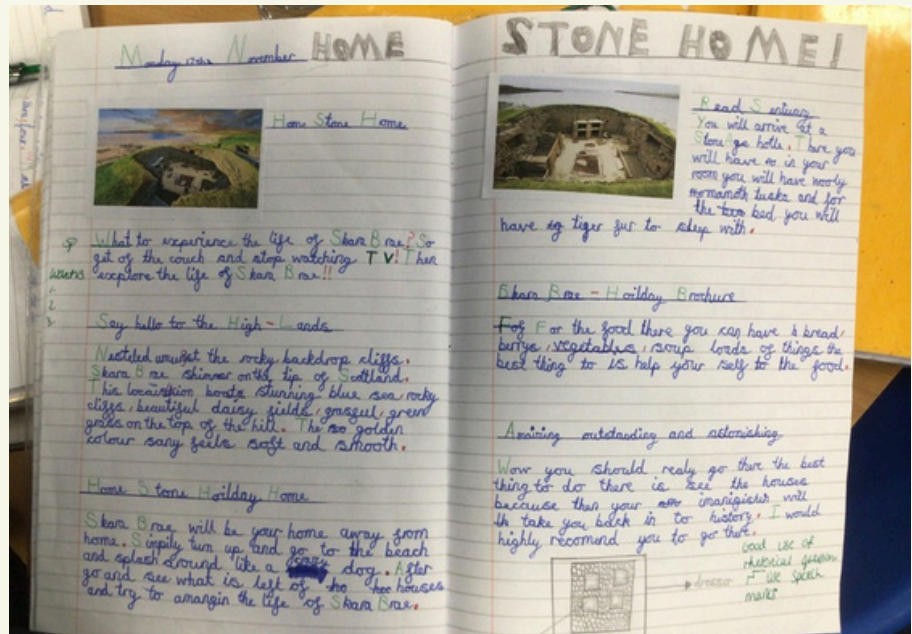
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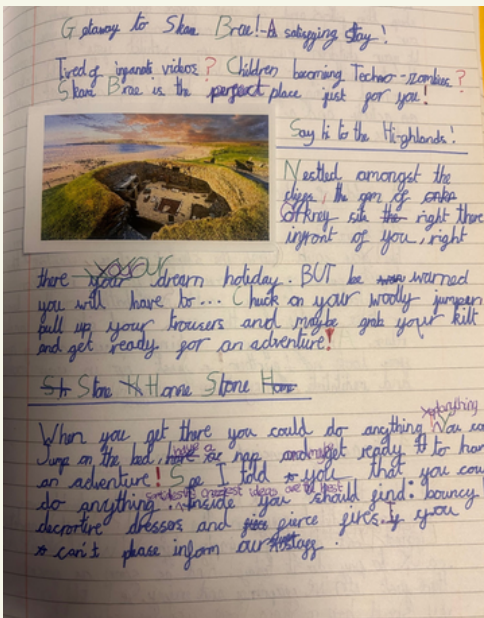
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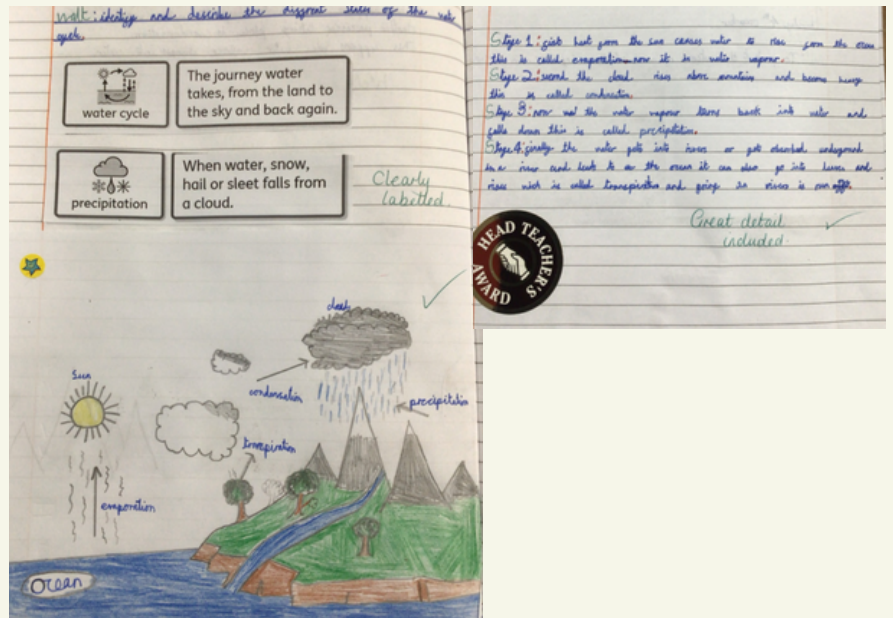
BY TALITHA (OAK CLASS)



BY EMILY ELM CLASS (ENGLISH)



BY EMILY ASH CLASS (ENGLISH)



BY JOHNNY ACER CLASS (SCIENCE)

THIS TERM IN PHOTOS

PLEASE CLICK IN EACH FRAME TO TAKE YOU TO OUR SCHOOL WEBSITE WHERE YOU WILL BE ABLE TO SEE MORE PHOTOS FROM THE EXCITING LEARNING



PLEASE VISIT OUR HORSELL ART AND DT GALLERY PAGE ON THE SCHOOL WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE ABOUT OUR RECENT PROJECTS:

ART AND DT GALLERY WEB PAGE



<https://www.horsell-junior.surrey.sch.uk/page/?title=The+Horsell+Art+and+DT+Gallery&pid=424>



THE FLEECE FORCE NATIVITY YEAR 3

The Year 3 children lit up the stage last week with a truly unforgettable Nativity performance, "The Fleece Force", transporting families and staff straight to the fields of Bethlehem. With energy, humour and heartfelt dedication, all 90 pupils delivered a show that will be remembered for years to come.

From the moment the red carpet rolled out and the hay bales were set in place, the audience knew they were in for something special. The production blended traditional Nativity elements with a lively, modern twist, showcasing the children's confidence and creativity. Whether singing, acting, or bringing well-timed comedy to the stage, every child played an important part in the success of the show.



NEXT HALF TERM:

PE DAYS + SWIMMING



ASH PE : MONDAY & TUESDAY
ELM PE : WEDNESDAY & THURSDAY
OAK PE : TUESDAY & WEDNESDAY

ACER:
PE WEDNESDAY & PE THURSDAY
(SWIMMING SUMMER TERM)

PALM:
PE WEDS & SWIMMING THURSDAY

PINE:
SWIMMING TUESDAY & PE FRIDAY

REMINDERS



HOME LEARNING:

YEAR 3 FRIDAY - FRIDAY
YEAR 4 MONDAY - MONDAY

SPELLING TEST:

YEAR 3 FRIDAY YEAR 4 MONDAY

DAILY CHECKLIST:

HSO / HEALTHY SNACK/ WATER
BOTTLE/ COAT/ READING BOOK

VOLUNTEERS



THE YEAR 4 MULTIPLICATION TEST IS ON THE HORIZON (SUMMER TERM). WE NEED YOU!

WE'RE CALLING ON YEAR 4 PARENTS TO VOLUNTEER AND HELP OUR CHILDREN MASTER THEIR TIMES TABLES. IF YOU CAN HELP, PLEASE CONTACT MRS PARKER DIRECTLY TO HEAR MORE ABOUT HOW YOU CAN SUPPORT.

THANK YOU!

Y3 TOPICS

- English: Secret of Black Rock / Blue umbrella
- Reading: Books across the groups
- Maths: Multiplication and division, length and perimeter
- Science: Food and our bodies
- RE: Islam
- PE: Fitness/netball
- History: Children's lives
- Art: Growing artists
- PSHE: Health and wellbeing
- Computing: Scratch
- Music: Instrumental scheme- South Africa
- Online Safety: Online safety week, health and well-being



Y4 TOPICS

- English: Iron man / Aladdin
- Reading: Books on rotation
- Maths: Multiplication, division and perimeter
- Science: Sound
- RE: Sikhism
- PE: Fitness/netball/swimming
- Geography: Rivers
- Art: Mega materials
- PSHE: Health and wellbeing, Safety and the changing body
- Computing: Repetition in shapes
- French: Clothes
- Online Safety: Online safety week, health and well-being.



PLEASE TURN OVER FOR KEY DATES NEXT TERM

KEY DATES NEXT HALF TERM:



Monday 5 th	Back to school, 8:30am
Wednesday 14 th	Year 4 Sikhism Talk PM
Tuesday 20 th	Year 3 trip to Milestones Museum
Tuesday 27 th	Year 3 Islam talk PM
Wednesday 28 th	INSET Day



Monday 9 th	Year 3 Mental Health Workshop
Thursday 12 th	Year 4 Engage Prayer Space
Friday 13 th	Last day before half term. School finishes at the usual time (15:10)
15 th - 20 th	Half Term week

Please note: Year 4 Bikeability sign up is now open. This will take place on the first week back after the February (23rd February) half term. Confirmation for your child's day to bring in their bike, will be sent out early February.