



Year 3 Newsletter

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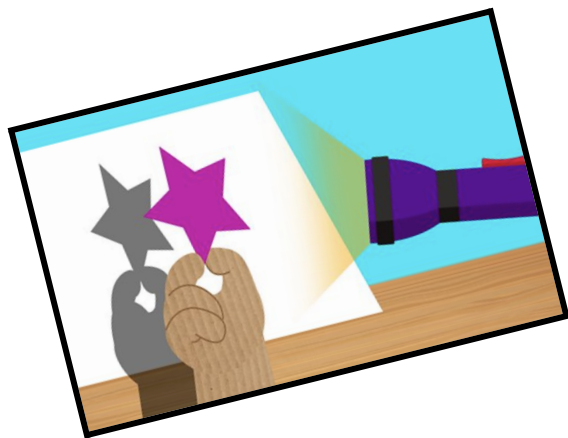
Year 3 Curriculum

Our **Whole Class Reading** this half term is based on the book 'The Abominables', by Eva Ibbotson.

In **English** this half term, we will continue with a strong focus on grammar, focusing on skills such as punctuating speech, and including fronted adverbials in our writing. We will be thinking about factual writing and looking at news reports, linking this to our whole class reading book, 'The Abominables', which will inspire our writing at the start of the half-term. We will also use a character from the book as an inspiration to write a diary entry. We will then study a short 'Wallace and Gromit' film to learn how to write an explanatory text.



Within **Maths**, our topics this half term will include multiplication and division as well as the measurement of time (including analogue clocks, digital clocks, months and days of the year, and timetables). Please provide your children with many opportunities to tell the time at home and when you are out and about. This half term's target is to learn our 4x table and associated multiplication and division facts. Children will continue to be assessed on their target every Friday.



In **Science**, we are exploring the topic of light.

We are covering what a light source is and looking for examples. Within this topic, we will be exploring the idea that some objects reflect light. We will also explore shadows and how they are created. The children will carry out an investigation on different sizes of shadow.

Within **DT**, we will be considering the principles of engineering and joining together with another class to plan, design and create a Stone Age pulley.

Crowther and Maybach will continue their work on creativity with Miss Hart in **Computing**. Linking to their Geography topic - weather, they will be creating a weather report with a peer using a green screen. .

Our **PSHE** lessons will focus on 'Daring to be different'. Our lessons will encourage the children to identify and respect similarities and differences in people through circle time discussions and whole class simple debates.

Within **RE**, we will research the 5 daily duties of Hindus. We will also learn about karma, and how it is the law of cause and effect.



In **French** this half term, we will be consolidating our understanding of numbers. We will learn the names of body parts and use this vocabulary to describe what we look like.

Finally, in **Geography**, we will begin to learn the difference between weather and climate. We are going to observe, measure and record weather patterns at school over a short period of time by creating our own weather stations.

A more comprehensive overview of what we will be covering can be found on our school website under Curriculum and then Knowledge Organisers:

<https://www.haslett.org.uk/curriculum/knowledge-organisers>

Physical Education

PE in Year 3 will take place on the following days this half term:

	Crowther	Maybach
Session 1	Tuesday	Tuesday
Session 2	Friday	Thursday

Please ensure that your child arrives at school already dressed in their correct, school-appropriate PE kit, including trainers, on the above days. Please remember to tie long hair back, and remove earrings (or cover with tape)

Reminders

HOMEWORK: Homework is set each Friday and is due each Wednesday. Spelling tests and maths target tests will be every Friday. Your child should read **every day** and this should be recorded in their reading record.

TTROCKSTARS: In Year 3, there is an expectation that children will complete a **minimum** of 10 garage games on TTRockstars, by Thursday morning, as part of their homework.

SNACK: Your child should bring a **healthy** (fruit/vegetables/cheese) snack to school **every day**. Please remember we are a nut-free school.

PERSONAL ITEMS: Any personal items need to be **clearly named** and recognisable by your child. These include water bottles, lunchboxes, snacks, jumpers, bags and coats.

COMMUNICATION: Please be reminded to use your child's reading record as a way of communicating with us, send messages via Google Classroom, or you can contact the school office.

How to support your child's learning at home:

To ensure your child gets the most out of school, it would be great if you help them at home as well. This can be done through supporting them to complete their homework and TT Rock Stars each week, along with helping them practise both their spellings and times tables.

Please listen to your child read each day, and record your comments in their homework diaries. Whilst listening to your child read, focus on the new vocabulary they come across but also question their understanding of the text - can they find an answer within the text? Can they use the text to help support an idea, or an answer to a question you have asked?

Thank you for your continued support
Mrs Hamilton-Mills, Miss Hristova, Mrs Jackson and
Mrs Hartland-Chircop
The Year 3 Team