

# Welcome to Spring Term Year 3! Here is some information about our learning this term.



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We have just a few weeks left of our book Winter's Child then our English this term will focus on a historical story linked to our Stone Age history learning and an amazing information text based on blue whales! Exploring non-fiction texts at home will help children to understand the structure and language found in factual texts. Grammar focusses will be punctuating speech, using prefixes, accurate use of tense, adverbs, sentence structures and building a rich and varied vocabulary. The best way to develop a rich vocabulary is to read lots of high quality books. Children also have access to vocabulary tasks on Reading Plus (in addition to reading tasks). Visit <https://www.booktrust.org.uk/books-and-reading/our-recommendations/>

We cannot underestimate the value of Reading Plus! We have seen so much success but ONLY with regular use! The children should be completing at least 2 reading lessons a week. They will get out what they put in so it is really important to timetable this into their week. We encourage the children to read books for pleasure too. If you haven't already, why not sign up the library? It's free and as well as beautiful books, they also hold amazing free events and workshops covering a range of subject areas across the year. With membership also comes access to the BorrowBox app where you can borrow ebooks and audiobooks! Follow this link to sign up now: <https://halton.me/join-the-library/>

We will continue to set spelling based homework each Friday which supports the structured spelling program that the children follow in school. Here is a link to the list of statutory words that the children should learn in Y3/4. They can learn these at their own pace at home. [https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/54/08/76f1443d-9b6d-4030-be0d-25fcfef01438/SpellingWordList\\_Y3-4.pdf](https://cdn.oxfordowl.co.uk/2019/08/29/13/54/08/76f1443d-9b6d-4030-be0d-25fcfef01438/SpellingWordList_Y3-4.pdf)

Our fabulous Musical Su will continue to teach us how to play the keyboard, as well as music theory and performance skills. We will be composing our own pieces of music this term. The children have started to learn simple notation on the treble clef stave so have a look at this website for some fun games! [https://www.classicsforkids.com/games/note\\_names.php](https://www.classicsforkids.com/games/note_names.php)

French- Planning a weekend in Paris or a trip to the south? Wondering what clothes to pack? Look no further! To follow on from learning all about weather, Year 3s will be adding to their vocabulary with clothing. To support your child at home, remember that linguascope.com is a fantastic website to play games and practise vocabulary.

In Maths we will be working on Multiplying and Dividing. By the end of this work your child will be able to use column multiplication to calculate a two digit number by a one digit number with ease e.g.) 78X4 and the 'bus stop method' to calculate 48/6. If your bus stop needs dusting off, have a look at these videos to remind you of how to do these operations. Arrays <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=XOyOVDmJUdo> Bus stop <https://www.twinkl.co.uk/teaching-wiki/bus-stop-method>

Column multiplication <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HUZMLvzpsXY>  
The 3, 4 and 8X tables are essential to this unit of work so please help your child to know them. Here are some of our favourite songs to help!  
3x <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9XzfQUXqiYY>  
4x [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QU\\_E0u-tP4](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=8QU_E0u-tP4)  
8x [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z\\_BJR9rdwA](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=z_BJR9rdwA)  
Multiplication and Division facts are linked and knowing this will help the children to calculate more efficiently. Take a look at this to help you support your child with their Fact Families. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LrYMhOAYoEK>

Science this term is all about Animals including Humans. We will be finding out what a skeleton is and why we have one, how our body needs fuel to move and grow plus how our muscles work in pairs. If you want to have the answers before the questions are asked, take a look at this website for all the information you need. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zcyycdm>

In computing, we are finding out about prediction and debugging. We will understand how an algorithm is implemented using a sequence of precise instructions. We will design, write, execute, and debug programs of increasing complexity that accomplish a specific goal. <https://www.codeforlife.education/rapidrouter/> <https://microbit.org/code/> <https://studio.code.org/s/course1/lessons/5/levels/1>

Next half term, the children will learn how to alter media. In this unit they will consider that all the media they see could have been altered. They will also think about whether they can use images that they find online in their own work.

In PE, the children will be having specialist coaching sessions in football after half term and will be focussing on communication, tactics and basic skills during their sessions. They will also be having gymnastics sessions based around the theme of symmetry. Follow this link for some fun exercise you can do at home, including karate, dance, HIIT, indoor football drills and more! <https://www.weareteachers.com/virtual-pe-classes/>

DT is linking up with Science this term as we learn all about healthy food for our bodies. We are going to be learning about the Healthy Eating Pyramid and how our bodies need a balanced diet to help us grow. If you want to know how healthy your cereal bar really is, try the NHS food scanner app! <https://www.nhs.uk/healthier-families/food-facts/> <https://www.bbcgoodfood.com/recipes/collection/kids-cooking-recipes>

Our History topic is the Stone age. We will be finding out how people lived in early communities and what is really important for survival. Take a look at this website for some Stone age facts. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/z82hsbk>  
Once we have completed our trip back in time to the Stone age we will be North America bound! Before we hike around North America, we will have to revise our knowledge on the continents and oceans of the Earth. We are going to be searching our maps and globe for the physical features of North America, the animals who live there and the weather systems in that part of the world. Here are some facts to help you!

Our PSHE this half term fits perfectly with our value focus of hope. Dreams and Goals is all about sharing our dreams, setting goals for ourselves and striving to achieve them, never giving up and believing in ourselves! Next half term, Healthy Me will help the children to develop their understanding of how to stay healthy and keep safe. Including them in planning and preparing healthy meals and talking to them about being safe will support them well with this unit. NSPCC have some great advice on all aspects of supporting your child to stay safe [www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/](http://www.nspcc.org.uk/keeping-children-safe/)

RE will be our time to learn all about Jesus – the Man who Changed Lives. We will be finding out how he affected those around him and how we can follow his example. Then we will be moving on to Easter – Joy, Sadness, Joy. This is our time to learn about the events leading up to Good Friday and reflecting upon the elements of friendship, loyalty and love. Click here for some animated stories from the Bible. <https://kids.bcc.media/en/theme-pages/>

Our Art work in the first half-term is based around the artist Friedensreich Hundertwasser We will be looking at some of his work to inspire us as we develop our printing skills. We will also learn about the history of Batik and use this technique in our textiles work during the second part of the term. Find out a bit about Hundertwasser : [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoF\\_zAfKNug](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=GoF_zAfKNug)

