



Hello Spring Term!



Happy New Year to you all – bring on 2024! I hope you have all had a lovely Christmas break.

In Year 3, this spring term, we will be moving on to our Explore Project and focusing on Geography through our Big Question ‘Why would you want to live here?’. The children will explore in depth where they are in the world, looking at maps and investigating maps within an atlas. The children will begin by revisiting the countries within the UK and progress to broadening their knowledge of countries that are located within Europe along with where they are within the world. They will then go on to explore the layers of the Earth and how the tectonic plates form its crust, formulating an understanding how natural disasters occur. Using this knowledge children will compare the county of Nottinghamshire to the region Campania to aid answering our big question. [Click here](#) to find a link to our project placement mat and be enthused by our spring term project at home!



Curriculum Focus

Class books: *The Girl and the Dinosaur* and *Escape from Pompeii*

Writing: narrative, performance poetry, recount, play script and an explanation text.

Mathematics: Multiplication and division (B), Length and Perimeter, Fractions, Mass and Capacity.

PE: Badminton and Dodgeball

RE: How do religious families and communities practice their faith?

Science: Rocks and Animals, including humans (Movement)

D&T: Castles

How can you support your children at home?

- **Reading:** There is an expectation in Year 3 that children read at least 3 times a week as reading is the foundation for all other learning to take place. You can make use of the comprehension sentence stems on the school website to strengthen their understanding of what they are reading.
- **Spellings:** Children will be explicitly taught spelling rules within class. Spelling lists will be displayed on the website for each half term. They will be tested on the previous week’s spellings the following Friday.
- **Sticky Questions:** These questions encourage discussion. The Year 3 children will be given a different question each week and we will discuss them in class on Fridays. Please take some time to discuss these each week.
- **Year 3 Homework:** Aim high homework and spellings



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Spring term performance

This term our lower key stage 2 children will be embarking on a mission to perform an amazing spring term performance. Working collaboratively with the Year 4s the children will aim high to produce a production that will blow your socks off. Throughout the term the children will be learning new songs which will inevitably end up being stuck in your heads until the Christmas carol concert. More information about performances dates and productions will be shared after February half term.



Year 3, Spring Dates

- Year 5 parent consultation evenings Wednesday 11th and Thursday 12th February
- Science workshop from our STEM ambassador on the 16th January



PE

Year 3 will take part in PE on Wednesday and Friday afternoons with Mr Harrison. Please could all children come to school in their PE kits on these days. It's also helpful if children do not bring earrings in on these days.



CAN YOU HELP?

Are you able to help with any of the topics above? Do you have any skills/talents linked to the things we are learning? Perhaps you know somebody who has a geography-based career who might be able to come in and inspire us...please let us know! We would love to invite you in.

We will continue to regularly update our class pages with relevant information and updates in regard to the amazing learning that will be taking place. As always, your continued support is very much appreciated. If you do wish to discuss anything with us, please do contact the school office or arrange a telephone meeting after school.

Mr Harrison and Mrs Slater-Davison

