

Dear Parents, Carers and Year 3 Students,

Happy New Year and welcome back to school! In January, We like to look back on what we achieved and look forward to what is to come.

Thinking back to last year, it was wonderful to see the children fully embrace the World War 2 topic. The home learning projects that they produced were stunning and it was great to see so many people visit our street party and learning showcase at the end of term.



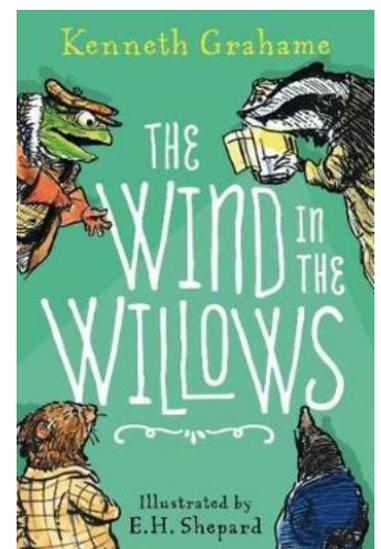
What's Coming Next?

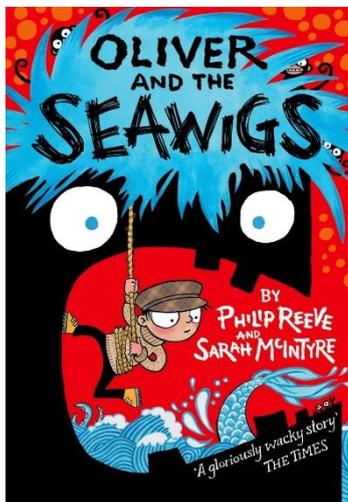
Our new topic is called

Wind in the Willows

This topic has its roots firmly in the natural world and we will be exploring the wonderful world of the riverbank.

Our English lessons will be based around the book from which the topic gets its name, 'The Wind in the Willows'. This exciting, humorous and adventurous book is sure to captivate the entire class! We will be improving our literacy skills in a variety of ways including using non-chronological reports, writing in role and using a range of descriptive techniques.





We will also be exploring another fantastic book called 'Oliver and the Seawigs' during our reading sessions. A story of friendship and adventure, the story is told through text and pictures and I know the children will appreciate this gloriously wacky story!

This term we will begin to look at consolidating and extending our knowledge of multiplication and division before moving on to look at time problems. Telling and understanding the time is a crucial life skill. Ways to support your child include buying them an analogue watch, regularly asking them to work out the time and using online games to practise this key skill.



This term the children will also be introduced to the fantastic Times Tables Rock Stars.

<https://ttrockstars.com/> This website is a fun and interactive way to practise the crucial skill of quick recall multiplication. Each child will be given a personalised log on and will be able to create their own rock star that they can personalise using coins they earn by practising their multiplication skills. If you want a copy of your child's log in details, please come and see me.

In science, the children will be learning about plants which links closely with their nature based topic. Impressionism is the focus of our art sessions, whilst in RE we will be looking at why the Bible is so important for Christians today. This term our values are perseverance and loyalty. This term Year 3 will be taking part in Maths on the Move and music lessons with Mr. Hudson during Enrichment time.



Useful Information

Due to the children starting Maths on the Move (an innovative programme that uses the concept of active learning to enhance children's confidence and attainment in maths) our PE sessions have slightly changed. Children will take part in the active Maths on the Move sessions on Wednesday afternoon and will continue to have outdoor PE on Thursday afternoons. During our PE sessions, we will focussing on basketball skills. Please make sure the children bring their PE kit to school on a Monday and keep it at school all week as PE

lessons are subject to change. If children do not have the correct kit they may not be able to take part in the session.

Correct kit consists of:

- House colour t-shirt (either red, green, yellow or blue) or white t-shirt
- Black shorts
- Black pumps
- For outside PE: plain trainers, change of socks and plain jogging bottoms, hoodie/warm top

Homework

Homework will continue to be set on a Wednesday to be returned the following Monday (unless specified).



Week commencing 14th January - If the World were a Village Week

Week commencing 4th February - Safer Internet Week

Tuesday 12th February - Discover Day - details to follow!

18th-22rd February - Half Term

Monday 23rd February - Year 3 swimming starts

Tuesday 5th February - Class photos

Week commencing 11th March - Science Week

Tuesday 19th & Thursday 21st March - Parents Evening

Tuesday 9th April - Year 3 & 4 Production

Once again, many thanks for your continued support.

Kind Regards

Miss Rudgalvis