



# What's happening during the Spring 2 term in Year 3?



## Literacy

**Writing** –Our key text for this half term will be ‘**The 13-Storey treehouse**’ by **Andy Griffiths and Terry Denton**. This will provide the opportunity to become creative writers in developing and applying knowledge in both using dialogue and punctuating speech and persuasive writing. We will do this by learning a text, working together to create our own versions then independently apply our own ideas in our final written piece.

**Reading** - Our reading lessons will focus on our key text. We will practice our inference and retrieval skills in comprehension activities. We will use our key text to explore author's vocabulary choices, making predictions and summarising main events. The children will continue to practice their reading fluency when reading aloud, looking at emphasis and accuracy when reading.

**Spelling / phonics** –Children will further be encouraged to explore a range of spellings rules and strategies for learning spellings. Spelling homework will be set so that the children can practice the spellings that we look at in lessons and will be tested each Friday. This provides further opportunities to become more familiar with the rules in different contexts.

**Handwriting** – Children will focus on the correct formation and size of letters. The children will continue to work on using diagonal and horizontal joins correctly to improve the legibility of their writing. Extra lessons will take place each week.

**SPAG**- Our punctuation and grammar lessons will continue to look at the correct use of capital letters and using commas correctly. Please continue to practice and reinforce at home too. We will develop our use of **inverted commas** to punctuate speech, use of **prepositions** to show place and time along with correct use of **apostrophes** for contraction and singular possession.

### Reading Books

Reading books will be changed regularly in the library, if books have been completed. **All** reading records will need to be brought in every day. Please continue to read regularly with your child and sign your child's reading diary each time that they read.



## Curriculum

### Science –Forces and Magnets.

This half term, the children will compare how things move on different surfaces; notice that some forces need contact between 2 objects, but magnetic forces can act at a distance; and observe how magnets attract or repel each other and attract some materials and not others. Children will also describe magnets as having 2 poles and they learn how to predict whether 2 magnets will attract or repel each other.

### Art- Anglo Saxon Art

The children will study art of the Anglo Saxons by focusing on objects found at the burial ground at Sutton Hoo, illuminated letters painted in the Lindisfarne Gospels and the Bayeux tapestry. They will also learn how to interlock patterns and use watercolours to produce their own designs.

**Music- Ukulele** lessons will be held every **Thursday** afternoon. Please ensure that ukuleles are in school each Wednesday morning ready for the lesson.

### PHSE- It's My Body

This half term the children will explore the choices that children can make about looking after their bodies. The lessons look at making safer choices about their bodies, sleep and exercise, diet, cleanliness and substances.

### RE- Christianity: What is good about Good Friday?

RE lessons this half term will consider the Christian concepts of Salvation (the belief that Jesus' death and resurrection saved humans and opened the way back to God) and the Gospels, where we explore the events leading up to Jesus' death and resurrection starting with Palm Sunday and finishing on Easter Sunday.

**DT**- This term DT week will begin on 23<sup>rd</sup> **March**, where we will be making a pop-up book which operates using linkage mechanisms.

### Important dates

Friday 6<sup>th</sup> March – World Book Day

Week beginning 23<sup>rd</sup> March – DT week

## Maths

In continuing to study the Year 3 objectives, the children will look at the following areas up until Christmas.

### Length and Perimeter

In calculating the perimeter, our new knowledge will look at measuring in mm, cm and m. We will look at how to convert between these lengths.

### Fractions

Children begin this block by exploring the denominators of unit fractions. From Year 2, they know about halves, quarters and thirds and they now look at fractions with other denominators. They will use this to compare and order unit fractions.

**\*Times Table tests will take place every week.**

### PE

PE will be held on **Tuesday** morning. Children should come into school wearing their navy tracksuit and appropriate footwear. They will remain in this for the rest of the day.

### Forest School

Forest School will be every **Thursday** afternoon. Children should dress appropriately for the cold weather including a coat and outdoor shoes. Forest school clothes should be brought into school to change into after lunch.