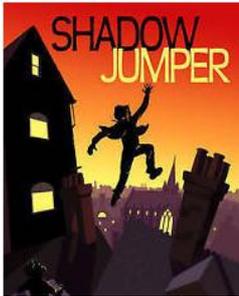


YEAR 3 – AUTUMN 2 – LIGHT AND WONDER

Dear Parents and Carers,
We have lots of exciting activities for the children to take part in this half term.

English



We will be reading 'Shadow Jumper' by J.M. Forster as our class novel. We read every day in class during 'shared reading' time. In school, we are working on reading aloud, reading fluently (the idea is that children are able to read at talking speed) and comprehension skills. We will be studying a range of additional texts through English lessons, and provide writing opportunities for each mini topic. Themes will include Guy Fawkes, Remembrance Day and festivals of light.

Reading Eggs passwords have been given out, and this is something we provide so that children have the option of using this at home. It is still really important that children read at home, as well as at school, because it helps increase fluency, stamina and comprehension skills.

Please sign your child's reading diary when they read their reading book, read on Reading Eggs or read their own book at home. When parents sign to say their child has read, the children are given stamps towards an additional playtime. In addition, keep your eye out for the launch of our Reading Olympiad, which is designed to engage children in reading and challenge them to read a range of different texts to broaden and deepen reading experiences.



Spellings: We learn spelling rules in class, alongside spellings allocated to each year group. A list of year group words have been sent home, but please ask if you would like another copy. There are also some great spelling and grammar activities on Reading Eggs.

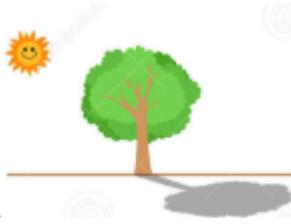
Maths

Maths will focus on subtraction, multiplication and division over the next half term. Key objectives are to: subtract numbers with up to 3 digits; beginning to use formal written methods; solve subtraction, division and multiplication problems; recall and use multiplication and division facts for the 3, 4 and 8 multiplication tables and multiply two-digit numbers by one-digit numbers. Mathematics passwords have been given out, and it's a great online resource to support maths at home - we will also be announcing the top scoring pupils each week.

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Topics



Our topic is 'light and wonder,' which will include: experimenting with light and shadows; studying the artist Bridget Riley and re-creating some of her optical art; learning about road safety, finding out about the Green Cross Code and creating our own road safety clothing designs; exploring festivals of Christmas

and Diwali; learning about colours and musical instruments in French and trying out some digital art in ICT. We will also be considering how to be a good friend and exploring important issues around bullying during anti-bullying awareness week.



PE



PE kits are needed Monday and Friday in 3M, and Wednesday and Thursday in 3PB. Our lessons this half term are dance and football. Please make sure your child has a warm PE kit as we will be doing football outside. Jogging bottoms and a jumper or sports jacket are ideal.

Attendance

Thank you for our good attendance and punctuality so far this year. Year 3 are at 95.67% - very close to the government target of 97%.

The children have a daily 10 - 15 minute practice of important key skills before 9am. If your child is regularly late, they will miss these skills, which underpin key teaching objectives in maths and English lessons.



Communication

We are available from 8:30 in the morning and at the end of each day if you would like to speak to us. Alternatively, please feel free to make an appointment.

Kind regards

The Year 3 Team