

Curriculum Newsletter

YEAR 3 | Autumn Term 2 | 2024



Dear Families,

Thank you for all of your support so far this term. The children have settled really well into Year 3 and lots of super learning has been happening.

This term the children will begin some interesting topics. Please see below for details about what children will learn and ways in which you can support your child at home. Science and Geography coverage is outlined on the attached 'Knowledge Organisers'.

This half term, our topic is '**Life on our island**' and we will be focusing our learning around the key question '**What lies beyond our town of Pinner?**'

Our 'Stunning start' to launch our topic will be:

A carousel of activities to do with the four nations (Wales, Northern Ireland, Scotland and England) which will include some tasting of a special cake or biscuit from each region.

We will enhance children's learning and 'Cultural Capital' with the following experiences, websites and texts:

- Trip to Montesole park for our forces topic.
- Watching the Y4 Diwali Assembly
- Watford Palace Christmas Pantomime

Our 'Showcase' piece of work at the end of the topic will be:

Creating a digital poster to showcase everything they have learnt about the U.K.

Our 'Shared Outcome'

Posters to be shared on Seesaw.



Here is a breakdown of the skills and knowledge to be covered in each subject through this topic:

English:

Key texts: 'Varjak Paw'

Key skills: Setting descriptions, letter writing and diary writing.

We will be focussing on using accurate spelling, punctuation and grammar whilst also thinking about tone of voice, use of description including expanded noun phrases and similes, and neat handwriting.

We will also be starting handwriting lessons to help children using the Nelson handwriting scheme.

Maths:

We be practising our times tables and maths passports targets.

Key topics:

Addition and subtraction

Multiplication and division

2,3,4,5,11,10 times table

Science: In Science, the children will be looking at how forces and magnets work answering the key question, How do forces and magnets affect the movement of objects around us?

Geography: Children will learn about the 4 countries of the U.K.. They will learn about the different countries, features, rivers and mountains of each of the four countries.

RE: Children are answering the key question 'What can we learn from the life of the Buddha about being happy?'

D.T: Children will be designing, creating and evaluating their own travel pillows.

PE: Children will learn indoor orienteering and netball.

Music: Children will be continuing to learn the recorder with Ms Kraft.

PSHE: In PSHE, our topic is "Celebrating difference". We will be discussing how our families are different and will be answering the key question, How can we ensure we are celebrating our uniqueness and differences?

French: Children will learn basic how to label items in the classroom.

Computing: The children will be creating animations using digital story maps.

Useful websites and texts to support learning in this topic:

National Geographic Kids

<https://www.nationalgeographic.co.uk/europe-travel-guide>

Map games

<https://www.geoguessr.com/seterra/en/vgp/3146>

<https://www.bbc.co.uk/bitesize/topics/zyhp34j/articles/z4v3jhv>

Reminders

Homework will be given out on Seesaw and the children have until Monday to complete this.

Spellings will be on Spelling Shed and will run over 2 weeks. You can find a spelling list and the test date in your weekly newsletters.

After the half term we are no longer using My Maths and instead will be switching to Maths.co.uk.

PE days are on Thursday and Friday.



Brilliant Book List Y3

Essential reading for every Y3 classroom!



Suggested Books

Our Teachers Are Superheroes

Twinkl Originals

How to Skin a Bear

Twinkl Originals

Enzo's Egg

Twinkl Originals

The Diary of a Killer Cat

by Anne Fine

Laughter is an Egg

by John Agard

Africa. Amazing Africa

by Atinuke

Anna Hibiscus

by Atinuke

Girl Wonder Series

by Malorie Blackman

Magic Betsey

by Malorie Blackman

Last Stop on Market Street Matt de la Pena

Hair Love

by Matthew A. Cherry

The Last Last-Day-of-Summer

by Lamar Giles

Superheroes are Everywhere

by Kamala Harris

Little Leaders Series

by Vashti Harrison

Amazing Muslims Who Changed the World

by Burhana Islam

The Seed of Compassion

by Dalai Lama

Rise Up: Ordinary Kids with Extraordinary Stories

by Amanda Li

Planet Omnar Series

by Zanib Mian

The Proudest Blue

by Ibtihaj Muhammad

Sulwe

by Lupita Nyong'o

Nina and the Magical Carnival

Madhvi Ramani

Empire's End: A Roman Story

Leila Rasheed

Continued

The Worries: Sohal Finds a Friend

by Jion Sheibani

Billy series

by Nadia Shireen

How to be Extraordinary

by Rashmi Sirdeshpande

Spike and Ali Enson

by Malaika Rose Stanley

The Humiliations of Welton Blake

by Alex Wheatle

Young, Gifted and Black

by Jamia Wilson

Malala's Magic Pencil

by Malala Yousafzai

Gorilla

by Anthony Browne

The Tunnel

by Anthony Browne

Krinklekrax

by Philip Ridley

The Turbulent Term of Tylke Tiler

by Gene Kemp

You Wait Till I'm Older Than You

by Michael Rosen

The Lion and the Unicorn

by Shirley Hughes

The Hundred-Mile-An-Hour Dog

by Jeremy Strong

Fantastic Mr Fox

by Roald Dahl

The Great Kapok Tree

by Lynne Cherry

The Fib and Other Stories

by George Layton

The Tale of Peter Rabbit

by Beatrix Potter

The Iron Man

by Ted Hughes

Alice's Adventures in Wonderland

by Lewis Carroll

The Worst Witch

by Jill Murphy





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The Twits
by Roald Dahl

Fly, Eagle, Fly!
by Christopher Gregorowski

Bill's New Frock
by Anne Fine

Stig of the Dump
by Clive King

Winston of Churchill: One Bear's Battle Against Global Warming

Zeus on the Loose
by John Dougherty

How to Train Your Dragon
by Cressida Cowell

The Firework-Maker's Daughter
by Philip Pullman

Ug: Boy Genius of the Stone Age
by Raymond Briggs

Stone Age Boy
by Satoshi Kitamura

The Accidental Prime Minister
by Tom McLaughlin

Voices in the Park
by Anthony Browne

Kid Normal
by Greg James

Flat Stanley
by Jeff Brown

The Own Who Was Afraid of the Dark
by Jill Tomlinson

The Boy Who Grew Dragons
by Andy Shepherd

It's a Book
by Lane Smith

The Penguin Who Wanted to Find Out
by Jill Tomlinson

The Great Paper Caper
by Oliver Jeffers

The Wonderful Journey
by Paul Geraghty

One Plastic Bag
by Miranda Paul

The Hodgeheg
by Dick King-Smith

Leila and the City of the Cat Goddess
by Twinkl Originals

The Romans

History Hackers: Roman Rescue
Twinkl Originals

Empire's End: A Roman Story
by Leila Rasheed

Escape from Pompeii
by Christina Balit

The Thieves of Ostia
by Caroline Lawrence

Meet the Ancient Romans
by James Davies

So You Think You've Got it Bad? A Kid's Life in Ancient Rome
by Chae Strathie

Romans on the Rampage
by Jeremy Strong

The Romans: Gods, Emperors and Dormice
by Marcia Williams

Queen of Darkness: Boudica's army will rise...
by Tony Bradman

Escape from Rome
by Caroline Lawrence

Dark Arena
by Tom Palmer

A Roman Adventure
by Frances Durkin

Roman Invasion: A British Boy, AD 84
by Jim Eldridge

Roman Diary: The Journal of Iliona of Mytilini: Captured and Sold as a Slave in Rome - AD 107
by Richard Platt

The Fatal Fire
by Terry Deary

Julius Zebra: Rumble with the Romans!
by Gary Northfield

Diary of Dorkius Maximus
by Tim Collins

Warrior Heroes: The Gladiator's Victory
by Benjamin Hulme-Cross

Meg and the Romans
by David Walser

How to Drive a Roman Chariot
by Caryl Hart



Frozen Worlds

The Penguin Who Wanted To Find Out

by Jill Tomlinson

The Rainbow Bear

by Michael Murpurgo

Shackleton's Journey

by Grill William

The Last Polar Bears

by Harry Horse

Pugs of the Frozen North

by Philip Reeve

Race to the Frozen North: The Matthew Henson Story

by Catherine Johnson

Ice Trap!: Shackleton's Incredible Expedition

by Meredith Hooper

The Snowflake Mistake

by Lou Treleaven

Sky Song

by Abi Elphinstone

The Polar Bear Son: An Inuit Tale

by Lydia Dabovich

The Cold Book

by Mike Goldsmith

The Polar Bear Explorers' Club

by Alex Bell

The Great Explorer

by Chris Judge

This Book Will (Help) Cool the Climate: 50 Ways to Cut Pollution, Speak Up and Protect Our Planet!

by Isabel Thomas

If Polar Bears Disappeared

by Lily Williams

One Day On Our Blue Planet . . . In The Antarctic

by Ella Bailey

Arctic & Antarctic

by Barbara Taylor

