Year 3 Autumn 2 Newsletter

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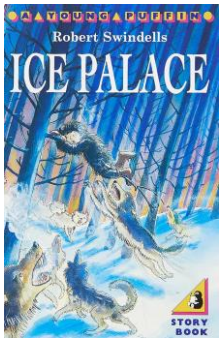
Dear Parents and Guardians
Welcome to Year 3's Autumn 2 Issue.

We have an exciting half-term ahead, packed with plenty of enriched learning opportunities which have been designed to capture the interest of every child.

Year 3 will be starting their new topic

'Who lives in Antarctica?'

As **Geographers**, the children will be describing what the lines of latitude and longitude are as well as understanding that the Northern and Southern Hemisphere experience seasons at different times. The children will describe the equipment researchers might use and clothes they wear. The children will focus on the outcome of Shackleton's expedition.



Our class reader will be **'Ice Palace'** by Robert Swindells. We will read this together throughout our topic. In this story, the character travels through the cold, icy mountains to rescue his only brother from a terrible character, Starjik and his wolves.

Community Values

This half term we will be focussing on **Peace** and **Hope** in our assemblies and throughout school life.

World Science Day

On Monday 10th November we'll be joining schools and communities around the world to celebrate World Science Day for Peace and Development. This year's theme is **"Common ground through science diplomacy"**.

The Science Gadget Shop is Coming!

To make the week even more memorable, we will be running a Science Gadget Shop packed with exciting pocket-money science curiosities, toys, and small experiments for the children to explore and purchase.

When: Gadgets will be available to buy throughout the week starting on the 10th of November.
Pricing & Details: We will send out a full list of available items and exact pricing closer to the time so you can plan ahead.



Scientists

As Scientists, we will be learning about Light. The children will recognise that they need light in order to see things and that dark is the absence of light. They will notice that light is reflected from surfaces; and recognise that light from the sun can be dangerous and that there are ways to protect their eyes. The children will also learn how to recognise that shadows are formed when the light from a light source is blocked by an opaque object; and they find patterns in the way that the size of shadows change.

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Design Technologists

This half term the children will be looking at seasonal foods. They will understand that seasonal fruits and vegetables grow in a given season and that eating seasonal fruit and vegetables positively affects the environment. They will be able to explain that fruits and vegetables grow in different countries based on their climates.

Design a tart recipe using seasonal ingredients.



Spiritual Thinkers

This term, we will be exploring our big question, *'How do people express spirituality?'* by identifying and describing symbols in the religions: Islam, Christianity and Judaism.

We will investigate how art form is used to express belief in the different religions. The children will be expected to complete intricate designs, explore dance and music as a way of expressing spirituality and reflecting the natural world.

Computing

This half term the topic is Media – stop frame animation. The children will use a range of techniques to create a stop-frame animation using an animation program on the iPads. Next, they will apply those skills to create a story-based animation.

This unit will then develop with learners adding other types of media to their animation, such as music and text.

Musicians

During music sessions this term, the children will get the opportunity to play in different parts of the Boomwhackers' orchestra. Every song is taught using colour coordinated notes, allowing children who struggle to read from a stave to still participate easily. The children will be encouraged to use their music theory knowledge to read the notated music and write and record compositions. Advanced groups will be given the opportunity to play multiple Boomwhackers at the same time, allowing pupils to construct chords and improve harmony.

Violins

On Fridays we will continue to develop our skills relating to the violin. The children will be moving on from learning the string notes and plucking, to using the bow on the strings too.



Pen Licence

Many children in Year 3 have been producing beautiful, joined handwriting. It is my hope that they will achieve a pen licence at some point throughout this academic year. To achieve a pen licence they have to show joined, legible handwriting across all of their school books.

The weekly spelling test will be on Wednesday each week.

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Linguists

As linguists, in French the children will be learning the French adjectives of colour, size and shape. They will listen carefully to build correct sequence of blocks and describe some of the shapes in their own work using language of colour, size or shape.

English	French	Visual
Blue	Bleu	
White	Blanc	
Red	Rouge	
Yellow	Jaune	
Green	Vert	
Orange	Orange	
Brown	Marron	
Pink	Rose	
Black	Noir	
Grey	Gris	
Purple	Violet	

Health and Fitness

In PE this half term, the children will be doing gymnastics and golf. In gymnastics, the children will continue to develop their fundamental skills in balance, coordination, flexibility, and strength. Gymnastics helps them improve their physical fitness, body control, and self-confidence while fostering discipline and perseverance.



Tri-Golf is an exciting, modified version of golf designed especially for younger players. This half term, there will be a range of fun, active challenges, children will develop key skills such as aiming, striking, coordination, control, and teamwork. The sessions encourage confidence, concentration, and sportsmanship while introducing children to a new and inclusive sport. We can't wait to see their putting and chipping skills in action!

PE- Children come in kit on Wednesdays and Thursdays.

Maths

Following on from focussing on place value, the children will be working on the remaining four operations this half term.

We have already started our addition and subtraction focus, so we will be continuing this. As we move onto multiplication, we will build on the previous timetables taught in year 2 with the addition of embedding the 3,4 and 8 timetable this year.



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PSHE

Our topic this term is **connecting with others.** The topic will be exploring the important theme of self-respect and positive relationships. They will learn to recognise their own strengths, skills and achievements, build confidence by trying new things, and develop strategies for managing negative self-talk. Children will also discuss personal boundaries, the importance of treating others with kindness and respect, and the qualities that make good friendships. Through class activities, they will learn how to resolve minor conflicts through negotiation, compromise and apology, as well as explore the different ways families support and spend time together.

Speak out. Stay Safe - Tell! Tell! Tell!

Please remind the children the importance of being kind to themselves and to others. We want the children to remember that it is important to be kind not only to others, but also to yourself.

We want our children to have the strength and courage to say no!

If there is ever a problem or they feel uncomfortable, please remind them to speak out. They must tell, tell, tell: tell a teacher! Tell a parent! Tell a responsible adult!

Behaviour

Children are encouraged to always behave their very best at school and in the wider community. Children know that this contributes to their learning and creates a positive school ethos. Children are taught to be considerate and supportive of each other. Children are encouraged to be welcoming and positive to visitors.

Autumn 2 Writing Competition – Opening the Door to Imagination

This half term, pupils will take part in a whole-school writing competition inspired by a tiny door hidden within a snow-covered tree. With an unusual footprint and curious objects scattered nearby, who might live behind the door, and what secrets could it hold? Perhaps a magical kingdom, an extraordinary miniature world or a place where anything is possible lies beyond it! Using this intriguing stimulus, pupils will explore their imaginations, develop their own interpretations and create a piece of writing in a genre of their choice. We look forward to seeing the creative pieces of writing our young writers produce and celebrating their achievements at the end of term.

Forthcoming Events and Key dates

Class Assembly - Wednesday 9 December (You are invited to come and watch at 8.30am)
School closes - Friday 18 December
School re-opens - Monday 4 January 2027

Finally

We very much acknowledge, appreciate and value the support you give your child. If there are any queries, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Y3 team.

Homework – Given out on Friday and to be returned on Monday.

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