



Year Three Newsletter



Spring Term

English

This term we will be reading:

- **Edward Tulane**
- **The Tiger Rising**

In addition, we read a variety of texts to support general reading skills and ask you to encourage your child to read a range of authors—not just their favourite!

Our writing will be linked to all the areas above. We will be encouraging children to write explanations, poems, short stories, extracts and diaries to name but a few!

Also, a friendly reminder that we expect the children to read 5 times a week for a minimum of 10 minutes. In order, for their reading to count towards our class reading league we need an adult to sign their reading record weekly.

Year 3 will also be taking part in 'Mystery Reader' were we hope that some of you would like to come in and read part of your favourite story or our current class book.

When given the choice between being right or being kind, choose kind - Dr Wayne Dyer

Mathematics

All activities are differentiated to each child's needs.

- Multiplication and Division
- Money
- Statistics
- Length and Perimeter
- Fractions

Grid Method

x	30	3
4	120	12

120 + 12 = 132

There will be daily times tables activities and a times table per week will be tested on a Monday. Although time is spent working on multiplication and division facts during school time, it is imperative that the children practise these at home too.

There are several websites they can use we are recommending '**Times Tables Rock Stars**' all of the children have a log in and the app/website is free. The children will complete a multiplication test in Year 4 and this app/website is very similar to the real test. This term we are focussing on the **4 times table** (multiplication & division facts).

There is a strong focus on active participation, collaborative work and enjoyment in order to get the best out of the children. We often incorporate active and practical activities into our lessons. All children respond well to this and therefore are keen to learn and progress.

Creative Curriculum

This term we are continuing our journey through the ages and we are learning about the **Viking Invasion**. We will be exploring how and why the Vikings invaded and delving into their way of life. We have a **History Experience Guy** coming into school to give the children wider opportunities to look at the different artefacts.

In **Science**, we are finishing our learning about **forces and motion** which we will be linking to Viking longboats. We will also be learning about how **sound** travels down Viking horns.

In **PE**, we are going to be doing **gymnastics** with Mr D where we will learn how to use the equipment properly. The children will learn how to move across the floor using a variety of rolls and footwork. We are also very privileged to have some **Yoga** sessions with Helen on a Thursday morning.

Thinking and Learning Skills in Year 3

We encourage the children to be a **team player**. They are starting to work cooperatively, share their ideas and thoughtfully listen to what others say.

We are encouraging the children to become **reflective learners**. They are considering the stars and wishes on their work and start to edit it appropriately.

We hope that they can start to be **independent enquirers** in **PSHCE** and **RE** by exploring issues and problems from different perspectives.

*It is better to know some of the questions than all of the answers—
James Thurber*

Additional Information

Homework: Will be given out on a Friday and is due back in the following Friday.

Spellings and Times Table tests: Monday

Snack: A piece of fruit or a cereal bar
(please check that the snack doesn't contain any nuts)

Thank you for your support
Miss Johnson and Mr Thomas.

Dates for your diary

Thursday 28th January: Y3/4 Movie Night

Thursday 30th January: 3ST Mini Angels

Thursday 6th February: 3MJ Mini Angels

Monday 10th February: PTA Disco

Thursday 13th February: Viking Experience Day